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**CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 2008**

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Selectmen Hodgeman and Hammond congratulate the Highway Department for the bridgework done on Center Road.

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**CORNISH
NEW HAMPSHIRE**

Year Ending December 31, 2007

NOTICE

DOG & CAT OWNERS:

RABIES CLINIC – April 5, 2008, 10-11:30 AM
\$11.00 PER ANIMAL – CORNISH FLAT FIRE STATION
New Hampshire/Vermont Residents Welcome

Please have dogs on a leash and cats in a carrier and bring a previous rabies certificate

- **All Dogs over three months of age must be licensed by May 1st.**
- Failure to license subjects owners to a fine of \$25.00 plus \$1.00 per month after June 1st. It's the law.
- Legal Rates: Male/ Female - \$9.00, Neutered/Spayed \$6.50
- Owner over 65, \$2.00 for first dog, regular rates for additional dogs.
- **State Law requires all dogs to be vaccinated against Rabies.**
- Rabies certificates are required for licensing.
- **New Hampshire RSA:466 - Owners are liable for free running dogs. Penalties are severe.**

NEW CONSTRUCTION OR ALTERATIONS:

- The Town requires permits for new construction or exterior alterations to any building. If in doubt, check first with the Selectmen.

TO THOSE OPERATING IN OR NEAR WETLANDS OR WATERWAYS:

- RSA 438-A State Dredge & Fill applications must be filed with the Town Clerk before beginning work. Fines may be assessed for noncompliance.

MUNICIPAL REMINDERS

Deadlines:

Property Tax Abatements.....	December Billing to March 1
Current Use Applications.....	April 15
Exemption/Tax Credits.....	April 15
Property Tax Due Date.....	July 1 and December 1
Vehicle Registration.....	Birth Month of Applicant

Please be sure to let the Town Office know when you change your address.

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TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

ELECTED OFFICIALS

Town Clerk – 3 years

Paula Harthan (2010)
Reigh Sweetser, Deputy

Town Treasurer – 1 year

William Caterino
Brent Edgerton, Deputy

Moderator – 2 years

Peter Burling (2008)

Selectmen – 3 years

Stuart Hodgeman (2008)
John Hammond (2009)
Merilynn Bourne (2010)

Tax Collector – 1 year

Reigh Sweetser
Paula Harthan, Deputy

Supervisors of Checklist – 6 years

Leland Atwood (2008)
Robin Monette (2010)
Ruth Rollins (2012)

Trustees of Trust Funds – 3 years

Shirley Blade (2010)
Willis Reed (2008)
Heather Meeks (2009)

Trustees of George H Stowell Library – 3 years

Kathryn Patterson (2010)
Karen Woodbury (2008)
Bernice Johnson (2009)

General Assistance & Senior Resources - 1 year

Connie Kousman
Martha Zoerheide, Assistant
Judith Kaufman, Assistant
Anne Hier, Assistant

Highway Agent – 1 year

Dan Flynn

Sexton – 1 year

Albert Earle

Fence Viewers – 1 year

Henry Homeyer Leo Maslan
Bill Gallagher John Woodhull
Don Snowden

Surveyors of Wood, Bark & Lumber – 1 year

Gwyn Gallagher Leo Maslan
Jim Fitch Richard Thompson
Reyer Jaarsma James Neil
Fred Weld

Hog Reeves – 1 year

David Monette & Maria Day
Reigh Sweetser
Richard Simons & Karen Gillock
Nate & Sherry Cass

Representatives to the General Court – 2 years

Carla Skinder (2008) Matt Houde (2008)

State Senator – District 5 – 2 years

Peter Burling (2008)

New Hampshire Executive Council – 2 years

Raymond Burton (2008)

APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Police Officers – by Selectmen

E. Douglas Hackett, Chief Paul Roberts
Corey Stevens Gerald Beaudry

Librarian – by Trustees of the Library

Emily Cromwell

Fire Chief – by Selectmen – 3 years

Nathan Cass (2008)

Planning Board - by Selectmen – 3 years

Cheston Newbold, (2010) - 25 yrs
Bill Lipfert, Chairman (2008) – 6 yrs
Merilynn Bourne, for Selectmen – 2 yrs
Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary (2009) – 8 yrs
Gail McKenzie, (2010) – 10 yrs
Troy Simino (2009) – 5 yrs
Peter Storrs (2009) – 27 years
Larry Dingee (2008) – 3 yrs Alt
Gwyn Gallagher (2010) – 4 yrs Alt
Jim Littlefield (2009) – 2 yr Alt

Zoning Board of Adjustment – by Moderator – 3 years

Karim Chichakly, Chair (2008) 21 yrs
Caroline Storrs, Vice Chair (2008) 30 yrs
Jim Brown (2008) – 3 yrs
Bruce Tracy (2008) – 12 yrs
Jason Bourne (2009) – 3 yrs

TOWN OFFICERS OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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William Balch, (2010) – 32 yrs Alt.
Dale Rook, (2010) – 12 yrs Alt.
Scott Baker, (2009) – 2 yrs Alt.

Conservation Commission – by Selectmen – 3 years

Gabe Zoerheide, Chair (2010) – 5 yrs
Bill Gallagher, Vice Chair (2009) – 8 yrs
Betty Miller, Secretary (2010) – 6 yrs
Loel Callahan (2010) – 4 yrs
Jon Woodhull (2010) – 1 yr
Rickey Poor (2008) – 32 yrs
John Hammond, for Selectmen – 2 yr
Jim Barker, (2010) – 1 yr
Linda Fuerst, (2010) – 1 yr Alt
Mariet Jaarsma, (2010) – 23 yrs Alt.
Nancy Newbold, (2009) – 23 yrs Alt.
Don Snowden, (2009) – 17 yrs Alt.

Waste Mgmt. Study Committee – by Selectmen

Pat Pinkson-Burke, Chairman
George Edson
Dan Flynn
William Gallagher
John Hammond, for Selectmen
Cheston Newbold
Dale Rook
Tim Schad
Richard Thompson

Finance Committee – by Moderator – 3 years

Robert Bladen, Chairman (2010)
William Caterino, Ex-Officio
Bob Maslan (2008)
Mike Monette (2009)
Carol Rennie (2008)
Fred Sullivan (2010)

Town Forest Committee – by Selectmen

Virginia Prince, Chairman
Kate Freeland
James Fitch
John Hammond, for Selectmen
Bill Gallagher, Conservation Commission

Capital Equipment Committee – by Selectmen

Larry Duval, Chairman
Tom Spaulding James Fitch
Scott Baker Larry Dingee
Dan Flynn Gerry Baillageron

UVLS Regional Planning Comm.

– by Selectmen
Cheston Newbold Gail McKenzie

Ct. River Resource Committee – Local

River Subcommittee – by Selectmen
Sue Fitch Jabez Hammond

Overseer of Covered Bridges – by Selectmen

Leo Maslan Richard Thompson

Emergency Office Liaison to 911 – by Selectmen

Dale Lawrence

Emergency Management Director – by Selectmen

Michael Monette

Spirit Committee – by Selectmen

Heidi Jaarsma Colleen O'Neill
Caroline Storrs

Selectmen's Special Agent – by Selectmen

Stuart Hodgeman

Auditors – by Selectmen

Plodzick & Sanderson

STATE APPOINTMENTS

Health Officer – Jeff Katchen

Deputy Health Officer – Ginny Prince

Forest Fire Warden – Nate Cass

Forest Fire Deputy Wardens

Nate Cass Scott Reuthe
Leo Maslan Jim Guy
Leland Atwood Bill Harthan
Bill Fitts Bob Michals

Ballot Clerks – by respective parties – 2 years

Marion Stone-Rep Audrey Jacquier- Dem
Alma Jacklin – Rep. Judy Rook-Dem

Ct. River Commission – by the Governor

Cheston Newbold

Energy Committee – by Selectmen

Mary Boyle, Chair Linda Fuerst
Pat Pinkson-Burke Ginny Wood
Martha Zoerheide

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

2007

We have had a busy and productive year working with Town departments and committees. The Road Agent and his essentially new but seasoned crew have completed a number of projects. Significant among them is rebuilding two red listed bridges at substantial cost savings to the Town. We are fortunate to have this very capable crew. The Fire Chief and the Fire Association through their volunteer efforts have provided the Town with a much needed new firehouse at the Flat. The Police Chief has had one of his busiest years and has acquired new weaponry to deal with increased activity. The Sexton and his crew have done a fine job of keeping up the cemeteries. We will miss Albert as he moves on in retirement.

The committee work and coordination among Recycling, Town Forest, and the Highway department have produced a covered recycling facility to be very proud of as we continue to solve waste management issues. We used town forest timbers and volunteer labor from those three groups. The Conservation Commission and Capital Equipment Committee are providing help to the Board and Road Agent as we strive to comply with State environmental issues and capital expenditures. The ZBA has been handed a number of issues to resolve at the Board's request and we now have a new cell tower as a result of their efforts as well. The Planning Board is diligently working on the Master Plan, Supervisors of the Checklist are updating like crazy and the General Assistance group is quietly making things happen for people.

The Selectmen have dealt with a number of issues – assessments, taxes, abatements, budgets, junk cars and assorted zoning issues all of which are ongoing.

The Selectmen want to thank all the elected and volunteer departments, boards, and committees for their efforts in 2007. We look forward to a productive and safe year in 2008.

Board of Selectmen

Auditors Report 2007

In planning and reporting our audit of the financial statements of the Town of Cornish as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2006, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United State of America, we considered the Town's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Town's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the Town's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the Town's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the Town's internal control. We believe that the following deficiency constitutes a material weakness.

The Town of Cornish has a material weakness in their internal control system over financial statement preparation. The Town's financial statements were prepared by the auditor; however, the Town does not have the expertise to evaluate whether the financial statements are in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles. We recommend that the Town take steps to correct this weakness in its internal controls, possibly by hiring a qualified consultant to evaluate the financial statements on its behalf.

This communication is intended solely for the information and use of management, the board of selectmen, others within the organization, and state and federal agencies, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Plodzick & Sanderson

July 18, 2007

**2008 CORNISH TOWN WARRANT
THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE**

To the inhabitants of the Town of Cornish, in the County of Sullivan, in said State, qualified to vote in town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the School Gymnasium in said Cornish on Tuesday, the 11TH of March, next at 10:00 of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

Articles 1 of the Warrant will be acted upon at 10:00 a.m. Voting will be by official ballot and checklist, and the polls will be open for this purpose and will remain open from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m., at which time the polls will close. The business portion of Town Meeting will begin at 12:00 noon. **Articles 2** through **20** will be acted upon at that time.

Article 1: To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 2: To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and make appropriation of the same.

(a)	Town Office.....	64,107
(b)	Tax Collector.....	12,705
(c)	Town clerk.....	13,985
(d)	Elections, Registrations, Vital Statistics.....	8,159
(e)	Audit of Town Books.....	7,000
(f)	Revaluation of Property.....	5,000
(g)	Legal Expenses.....	5,000
(h)	Planning Board.....	3,720
(i)	Zoning Board of Adjustment.....	970
(j)	Buildings & Grounds.....	29,425
(k)	Cemeteries & Perpetual Care.....	22,909
(l)	Insurance (Property/Liability).....	43,000
(m)	Regional Assoc(UVLSRPC).....	1,978
(n)	Records Preservation.....	1,900
(o)	Spirit Committee.....	1,000
(p)	Police Department.....	63,367
(q)	Ambulance.....	18,345
(r)	Fire Department.....	32,650
(s)	Emergency Management.....	50
(t)	Septage.....	2,500
(u)	Recycling.....	9,000
(v)	Hazardous Waste.....	1,500
(w)	Human Services.....	15,050
(x)	Parks & CREA Land.....	6,370
(y)	Memorial Day.....	750
(z)	Conservation Commission.....	900
(z1)	Interest-Tax Anticipation Note.....	2,000
(z2)	Library Fund.....	13,236

- Article 3:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)
- Article 4:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$45,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)
- Article 5:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)
- Article 6:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)
- Article 7:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)
- Article 8:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to be placed in the Library Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)
- Article 9:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)
- Article 10:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$471,896 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$384,484 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above-mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$87,412 to be received from the State as Highway Block Grant Funds for special maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)
- Article 11:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to perform a data verification (list and measure) of our property values and to authorize the Selectmen to withdraw the amount from the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)
- Article 12:** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$1,500 to make improvements in the Town Forest and to authorize the expenditure of gifts, grants, or proceeds from the maintenance fund for this purpose. No part of this appropriation will come from tax dollars. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$14,000 to make improvements to the driveway at the Police Station and Fire Station 1 on Town House Road. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 14: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$10,000 for Highway bridgework and repair with said monies to come from the NH Department of Transportation. No part of this appropriation will come from tax dollars. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 15: To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$110,000 for the purchase of a new Dump Truck for the Highway Department and to authorize the withdrawal of up to \$110,000 from the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. Any funds to be derived from the sale or trade-in of the Town's existing equipment are to be used to offset the withdrawn amount. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

Article 16: Shall the Town of Cornish observe Memorial Day on the last Monday of May, coinciding with the Federal Memorial Day holiday? (Submitted by petition.)

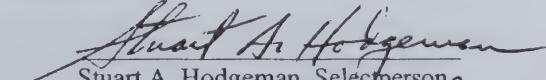
Article 17: To see if the Town will vote to create an Agricultural Commission consisting of five (5) members appointed by the selectmen, for the purpose of protecting agricultural land, preserving rural character and encouraging agriculture based businesses. (Submitted by the Selectmen.)

Article 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. (Submitted by the Selectmen.) (Selectmen recommend passage of this article.)

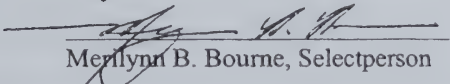
Article 19: To hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto.

Article 20: To transact other business that may legally come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seal this 11TH day of February, in the year of our Lord Two Thousand and Eight.


Stuart A. Hodgeman, Selectperson


John S. Hammond, Selectperson


Marilynn B. Bourne, Selectperson

A True Copy Attest, Selectmen of Cornish

Cornish, NH

Town Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2007

The minutes of the Cornish Town Meeting held on Tuesday, the 13th of March. Town of Cornish Moderator, Peter Burling, opened the polls at 10:00 AM to begin the voting session of the Cornish Town meeting. Moderator Peter Burling noted that the Warrant was properly certified and that all members of the Selectboard signatures were displayed at the end of the warrant. Supervisors of the Checklists, Ruth Rollins, Leland Atwood, Robin Monette, signed both checklists and were sworn in by Town Clerk Paula Harthan. The Ballot Clerks being: Marion Stone, Lois Fitts, Judy Rook, Dale Rook Alma Jacklin, and Reigh Sweetser were sworn in by Town Clerk, Paula Harthan. The business portion of the meeting began at 12:00 noon with a prayer led by Reverend Dale Nicholas followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.

Article 1: To Choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Selectperson (3 years).....	Merilynn Bourne 193
Trustees of the Trust Funds (3 years).....	Shirley Bladen 221
Town Treasurer (1 year).....	William Caterino 228
Highway Agent (1 year).....	Daniel Flynn 208
Tax Collector (1 year).....	Reigh Sweetser 227
Town Clerk (3 years).....	Paula Harthan 227
Sexton (1 year).....	Albert Earle 223
Library Trustee (1 year).....	Kathryn Patterson 221
Office of General Assistance (1 year).....	Connie Kousman 226

Article 2: Are you in favor of the adopting if the amendment to the Town of Cornish Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend and revise the dimensional standards for telecommunications facilities by giving specific reference points from which the height limit of an new telecommunications

facility can be measured and by increasing the height limit for the new telecommunications facilities in order to provide reasonable opportunities for telecommunications service in Cornish. Amendment 2 also designates the Cornish Planning Board as the regulatory authority in the case that artificial lighting of a telecommunications tower is required by the Federal Aviation Administration. This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board.

Yes = 158 No= 72

Article 3: Are you in favor of the adopting if the amendment to the Town of Cornish Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend and revise the 100 foot buffer between the edge of the Regulatory Flood Plain and sewage disposal systems. This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board.

Yes = 116 No= 11

Article 4: Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the Town Of Cornish Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend and revise Article II by adding the definition of commercial water extraction and Article VIII by prohibiting commercial water extraction in all districts. This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board.

Yes = 176 No= 55

Article 5: Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the Town Of Cornish Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend and revise Article IV.C.7a to include a residency requirement to the general provision under Automotive Repair Garage which would require that the business be carried on by a person or persons on the property serving as his, her or their primary residence. This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board.

Yes = 84 No= 14

Article 6: Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the Town Of Cornish Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend and revise Article IV.C.19.b to clarify the existing residency requirement in the general provisions under cottage industry.

This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board.

Yes = 128 No= 101

Article 7: Are you in favor of the adoption of the amendment to the Town Of Cornish Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the Planning Board as follows: To amend and revise Article V.D.1 by adding the definition of windmill as a structure exclusively providing wind-generated energy and primarily serving the needs of the principal use of the property. This amendment is submitted by and has the approval of the Planning Board.

Yes = 153 No= 17

Article 8: (a) Town Office- Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$62,900. The motion was seconded by John Hammond and voted on in the affirmative.

(b) Tax Collector- Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$12,607. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

(c) Town Clerk-Stuart Hodgeman moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$12,985. The motion was seconded by John Hammond and voted on in the affirmative.

(d) Election, Registrations, Vital Statistics- Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,828. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

(e) Audit Town Books- Bill Caterino moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$7,000. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.

- (f) Revaluation of Property- Fred Sullivan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$8,000. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.
- (g) Legal Expenses- Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,000. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.
- (h) Planning Board- Helen Lovell moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$3,020. The motion was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.
- (i) Zoning Board of Adjustment- Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,020. The motion was seconded by Bernice Johnson and voted on in the affirmative.
- (j) Building and Grounds- Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$28,635. The motion was seconded by Anne Hier and voted on in the affirmative.
- (k) Cemeteries and Perpetual Care- Stuart Hodgeman moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$24,659. The motion was seconded by Bernice Johnson and voted on in the affirmative.
- (l) Insurance (Property/Liability)- Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$43,000. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.
- (m) Regional Assoc. (UVLSRPC) - Carolyn Storrs moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,921. The motion was seconded by John Hammond and voted on in the affirmative.
- (n) Records Preservation- Bernice Johnson moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,900. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.
- (o) Spirit Committee- Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000. The motion was seconded by Ruth Rollins and voted on in the affirmative.

(p) Police Department- John Scott moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$61,140. The motion was seconded by Doug Hackett and voted on in the affirmative.

(q) Rescue Squad- Maurie Hodgeman moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$4,400. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative. Joyce LaClair mentioned that she felt very fortunate that the Town of Cornish have a Rescue Squad to call upon when needed. She thanked Dale Rook for always being there to help with her husband when the need arises.

The Rescue Squad received applause and a standing ovation.

(r) Ambulance- Nate Cass moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$18,345. The motion was seconded by Carla Skinder and voted on in the affirmative.

(s) Fire Department- Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$30,650. The motion was seconded by Judy Rook and voted on in the affirmative.

(t) Emergency Management- Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$50. The motion was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.

(u) Septage- John Hammond moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,500. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

(v) Recycling- Dale Rook moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$9,000. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

(w) Hazardous Waste- Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,500. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.

(x) Human Services- Maurie Hodgeman moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$10,765. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

(y) Parks & CREA Land- Daniel Poor moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,370. The motion was seconded by Ruth Rollins and voted on in the affirmative.

(z) Memorial Day- Bob Maslan moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000. The motion was seconded by John Hammond and voted on in the affirmative.

(z1) Conservation Commission Expense- Don Snowden moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$900. The motion was seconded by John Hammond and voted on in the affirmative.

(z2) Interest-Tax Anticipation Notes- Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$2,000. The motion was seconded by Stuart Hodgeman and voted on in the affirmative.

(z3) Public Library Fund- Maurie Hodgeman moved that the Town raise and appropriate \$13,367. The motion was seconded by Karen Woodbury and voted on in the affirmative

(z4) County Tax- Merilynn Bourne moved that the Town raise and appropriate the Necessary Amount. The motion was seconded by Bernice Johnson and was voted on in the affirmative. A discussion followed with the residents wondering if the Town is getting their monies worth and why we never know the amount ahead of time. Moderator Burling sympathized with town residents on this topic. Carla Skinder also commented that something needs to be done and that we are not the only town that has to deal with this issue.

Article 9: Shall the Town of Cornish vote to dissolve the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District. In order to pass, the town needs 2/3 vote. Polly Rand moved that we vote by paper ballot and Anne Hier seconded that motion. Yes =135 No=2

- Article 10:** In the event that dissolution of the District is not approved by the affirmative vote of two-thirds of the members of the District, shall the Town of Cornish vote to withdraw from the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District. In order to pass, the town needs 2/3 vote. Bill Gallagher moved that we vote by paper ballot and Bill Caterino seconded that motion. Yes =116 No = 1
- Article 11:** John Hammond moved that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 to be placed in the Conservation Commission Fund. The motion was seconded by Helen Lovell and voted on in the affirmative.
- Article 12:** Fred Schad moved that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$35,000 to be placed in the Highway Heavy Equipment Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Bob Maslan and voted on in the affirmative.
- Article 13:** Bernice Johnson moved that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,000 to be placed in the Fire Department Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Dale Rook and voted on in the affirmative.
- Article 14:** Maurie Hodgeman moved that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 to be placed in the Police Department Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Jeff Katchen and voted on in the affirmative.
- Article 15:** Merilynn Bourne moved that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Appraisal Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Anne Hier. John Dryfhout questioned this Article. Stuart Hodgeman explained that this allows the town to spend this (page 42) money. The motion was voted on in the affirmative.

- Article 16:** Bernice Johnson moved that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000.to be placed in the Library Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Maurie Hodgeman. Karen Woodbury informed the public that they would like to replace the carpet in the library and also address the handicap entrance issue. The motion was voted on in the affirmative.
- Article 17:** Merilynn Bourne moved that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. The motion was seconded by Ruth Rollins and voted on in the affirmative.
- Article 18:** Merilynn Bourne moved that the town raise and appropriate the sum of \$420,265 for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges, and snow removal from town buildings and school grounds. The sum of \$331,112 shall be raised by taxes for the maintenance of Class V Highways and Bridges (and above mentioned snow removal), and the balance of \$89,153 to be received from the State as Highway Block Grant Funds for special Maintenance projects on Class V Highways and Bridges. The motion was seconded by John Hammond and voted on in the affirmative.
- Article 19:** Bernice Johnson moved that the town will vote pursuant to RSA 72:27-a to increase the Optional Veterans Tax Credit for veterans seeking the credit form \$100 to \$500, commencing with April 1, 2007 tax year. The motion was seconded by Ruth Rollins. Discussion followed with Laird Klingler stating that maybe this should depend on a person's income. Stuart Hodgeman mentioned that the past dollar amount as an example may have been \$10,000 and that raising it will bring it to \$50,000 per year. Bob Maslan mentioned that middle class income veterans may need this benefit. Moderator Burling reminded people that this is optional. Allie Hodgdon questioned if recipients needed to reapply if this passes. John Dryfhout asked

if this applies to disabled and regular veterans. Stuart Hodgeman answered in the affirmative. Sandy Redlands mentioned that she was appalled that we were even discussing this. Maurie Hodgeman wanted us to think about the future veterans as well as the recent ones. Allie Hodgdon stated that this should not be income based. The motion was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 20: Helen Lovell moved that the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to perform data verification (list and measure) of our property values and to authorize the Selectman to withdraw the amount from the Appraisal Reserve Fund. Reigh Sweetser mentioned that 20% has been completed. The motion was seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 21: Special Purpose Non-lapsing Appropriation for repairs to the Town Office building. Bob Maslan moved to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum if \$12,000 for repairs to the foundation of the Town Office building. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7, VI and will not lapse until the foundation is repaired or by December 31, 2008, whichever is sooner. Stuart Hodgeman seconded this motion. Susan Cass questioned the select board wondering if we did this already. Stuart Hodgeman stated that the corners of the building are deteriorating and drainage is a problem. There are currently bids out for this. Bats? Are the Bats gone? Stuart Hodgeman assured people that the bats are gone and have a guarantee for 2 years with the contractor. The motion was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 22: Special Purpose Non-Lapsing Appropriation for Recycling Roof. Dale Rook moved that the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,500 for the installation of a roof to cover the containers at the Recycling Center. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation per RSA 32:7VI, and will not lapse until

the installation is complete or by December 31, 2008, whichever is sooner. Bernice Johnson seconded this motion. Jim Neil asked if someone could give an update on the Recycling Center. Dale Rook mentioned that the hours currently are Saturdays 9-2 pm. Dale also mentioned that the people participating in recycling each week average about 75. George Aldrich and Dale are willing to help unload vehicles at the recycling center. Jeff Hook is also there collecting trash from 9-12 every Saturday. Dale also mentioned that the Pole Barns would keep the weather off of the large containers. The Highway Department was applauded for a wonderful job they have done on the road to the center. The motion was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 23: Bernice Johnson moved to see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,000 for sub-structural replacement to the Chase Hill Bridge and to authorize the Selectboard to withdraw said sum from the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. This was seconded by Helen Lovell. Stuart Hodgeman made a motion to amend this article to \$43,000. Stuart mentioned that the bridge is on the "Red List". The steel beams need to be replaced and only the top deck is to be replaced. The Town Highway personnel will be doing the work to the bridge. The town has applied for a grant from the start for \$34,000 to help pay for this work. Any funds received from grants will be placed and deposited in the Bridge Capital Reserve Fund. The total Town amount expended from the Capital Reserve Fund will be \$8,600. Helen Lovell seconded this motion. The amended motion of \$43,000 was then voted on in the affirmative. The motion to amend was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 24: Merilynn Bourne moved that the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to sell a parcel of town land, approximately .21 acres in size, Map 6 Lot 82, on Jackson Road. Jim Neil seconded this motion. Everett Cass commented that this should be a sealed bid. The motion was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 25: Bernice Johnson moved that the Town of Cornish will vote to authorize the Selectmen to enter into a contract with a rubbish hauler to assure the collection of bagged waste each Saturday at the Cornish Recycling Center at no cost to the town. Any fees will be paid by the users of this service. This contract will fulfill the Town's responsibility under RSA 149M: 17. Maurie Hodgeman seconded this motion. Milt Jewell asked if this was out to bid. Dale Rook said that Jeff Hook is currently in place. He stated that various trash haulers were asked to bid on this job and Jeff Hook was the single bid. Jeff is very reasonable at \$3.00/bag (30 gallons). The motion was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 26: Bill Gallagher moved to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate up to the sum of \$1,500 to make improvements in the Town Forest and to authorize the expenditures of gifts, grants, or proceeds from the maintenance fund for the purpose. No part of this appropriation will come from tax dollars. Helen Lovell seconded this motion and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 27: Special Non-Lapsing Appropriation for the Master Plan Update. Peter Storrs moved to see if the Town would raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 to cover the costs of updating the rewriting the Cornish Master Plan including chapters: Land Use, Natural Resources, Water Resources, Economic Development, Transportation/Communications, Community Facilities and Historic Recourses. This will be a non-lapsing appropriation for RSA 32:7 VI and will not lapse until December 31, 2009. Anne Hier seconded this motion. Heidi Jaarsma was asked to speak about this article. She noted that the UVPLSR council is involved in getting the master plan completed. There are fees for Hearings and Printing expenses. Everett Cass asked if the public gets to approve the master Plan when completed. Selectboard noted that there will be a

public hearing, but the Planning Board has the final word. Heidi commented that the Library will have a copy to view and the Planning Board will vote on this after the hearing. Motion was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 28: Ruth Rollins moved that town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,100 to be taken from the general fund balance and transferred to the Cornish Fire Association. The motion was seconded by Dale Rook and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 29: Nate Cass moved to see if the Town will authorize the demolition of the current Fire Station and Highway garage at Cornish Flat in preparation for a new Fire Station proposed by the Cornish Fire Department Association. Bob Maslan seconded. Nate mentioned that they hope to start building the Fire Station this summer. There have been donations to help with expenses. Bernice Johnson applauded the Fire Department on how hard they work throughout the year. The Fire Department was given a standing ovation. Every Tuesday there is Bingo at the Town Hall for all to participate. Bob Maslan commented that the Fire Department welcomes donations. The motion was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 30: Stuart Hodgeman moved to see if the Town would authorize the Selectmen to sell by sealed bid some old Town equipment. Items to include: cemetery department backhoe, the war wagon and an old used trailer. Merilynn Bourne seconded and motion voted on in the affirmative.

Article 31: Helen Lovell moved to see if the Town shall accept provisions of RSA 202-A: 4c providing that any town at an annual meeting may adopt an article authorizing indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, the public library trustees to apply for, accept, and expend, without further action by the town meeting,

unanticipated money from the state, federal or other governmental unit or a private source which becomes available during the fiscal year? Bernice Johnson seconded and voted on in the affirmative.

Article 32: Karen Woodbury moved to see if the Town shall accept the provisions of RSA 202-A:4-d authorizing the public library trustees to accept gifts of personal property, other than money, which may be offered to the library for any public purpose, and such authorization shall remain until rescinded by a vote of town meeting. Maurie Hodgeman seconded and was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 33: Fred Sullivan moved to see if the Town will vote to rescind the provisions of RSA 79-A: 25-a .The revenues received from the land use change tax in a fund separate from the general fund. Any unapproved surplus remaining in the land use change tax fund and any future land use change tax revenues received shall immediately be deemed general fund revenue. Maurie Hodgeman seconded the motion. Presently the Conservation Commission receives 100% of the land use change funds as voted on at a previous meeting. Fred Sullivan voiced his concerns that the money generated from this should go back into the general fund to benefit all the taxpayers of Cornish instead of the Conservation Commission Fund. Bill Gallagher took the floor and presented a display board showing how the conservation commission benefits from this revenue. Gabe Zoerheide stated that in order to place land in conservation easements it takes money. When people donate land to the conservation fund it costs money to process. Henry Homeyer asked, "How much is the average income for the conservation commission in a year?" Don Snowden estimated around \$5,000-6,000 per year. Don stated that this was an exceptional year (\$27,900).

Betty Miller commented on how open spaces saves money for the town. She added that this may need to be fifty-fifty revenue from the Land Use Change Tax Refund. This was a vote on in the negative.

Article 34: Merilynn Bourne moved to see if the town will vote to allow the Cornish School District to construct a well of Cornish town property and to grant an easement for access and use of Town property for such purposes and to authorize selectman to negotiate the terms and scope of said easement and to take any other action relative thereto. Merilynn moved to pass this over as it was finalized at School meeting. Bob Bladen seconded this motion and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 35: Bernice Johnson moved to see if the town will authorize prepayment of taxes and to permit the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes as authorized under RSA 80:52a. Helen Lovell seconded and was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 36: Bill Caterino moved to hear reports of Officers, Agents, Auditors, and Committees heretofore chosen, and pass any vote in relation thereto. Maurie Hodgeman seconded and was voted on in the affirmative.

Article 37: John Scott moved to see if the town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our elected officials at the state and federal levels:

Resolution: We the citizens of Cornish, NH believe in a New Hampshire that is just and fair. "The Pledge" perpetuates a burdensome property tax. We urge our elected officials to reject "The Pledge", have an open discussion covering all options, and to adopt a revenue system that relieves the local property tax burden. Anne Hier seconded and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 38: Maurie Hodgeman moved to see if the town will vote to approve the following resolution to be forwarded to our elected officials at the state and federal levels:

Resolution: To see if the Town will go on record in support of effective actions by the President and the Congress to address the issue of climate change which is increasingly harmful to the environment and economy of New Hampshire and to the future wellbeing of the people of Cornish and express our frustration on how little has been done in the past pertaining to this. These actions include:

- Establishment of a national program requiring reductions of U.S. greenhouse gas emissions while protecting the U.S. economy.
- Creation of a major national research initiative to foster rapid development of sustainable energy technologies thereby stimulating new jobs and investment.

In addition, the Town Of Cornish encourages New Hampshire citizens to work for emission reductions within their communities, and we ask our selectman to consider the appointment of a voluntary energy committee to recommend local steps to save energy and reduce emissions. (Submitted by Petition). Kay Wegner seconded the motion and the vote was in the affirmative.

Article 39: Transact other Business to legally come before this meeting:

Don Snowden, chairman of the Conservation Commission, presented the yearly Conservation Commission award. This year the award was given to” The volunteers that have helped restore the CREA Barn”. Don commented on what a tremendous undertaking this has been and it could not have been accomplished without such dedicated volunteers.

Merilynn Bourne presented a gift to Reigh Sweetser as Reigh is stepping down as Town Clerk. The gift was an engraved clock thanking Reigh for her 12 years as clerk to the Town of Cornish. Moderator Peter Burling commented on how wonderful it was to go to the Town offices and have good conversation with Reigh while transacting business. Reigh was applauded and given a standing ovation

Surveyors of Wood Bark and Lumber: Nominations were open; Polly Rand moved that the same slate be reinstated. Peter Storrs seconded and was a vote in the affirmative.

Gwyn Gallagher
Jim Fitch
Reyer Jaarsma
Fred Weld

Leo Maslan
Richard Thompson
James Neil

Hog Reeves: Nominations were open; Merilynn Bourne moved to accept the following slate. Karen Woodbury seconded and was a vote in the affirmative.

David Monette & Maria Day
Reigh Sweetser
Richard Simons & Karen Gillock
Nate Cass & Sherry Cass

Fence Viewers: Karen Woodbury motioned to accept the following slate and was seconded by John Rand and voted on in the affirmative.

Henry Homeyer
Leo Maslan
Don Snowden

Bill Gallagher
John Woodhull

Bob Maslan moved to adjourn the business portion of the meeting at 3:45 pm. The motion were seconded by Merilynn Bourne and voted on in the affirmative.

Respectfully Submitted,

Paula Harthan, Town Clerk

2007 BUDGET
STATEMENT OF REVENUES

	2007 Proposed	2007 Actual	Estimate Over(Under)	2008 Proposed	Estimate Over(Under)
TAXES					
Land Use Change Taxes	0	0	0	0	0
Yield Taxes	8,000	12,601	4,601	10,000	2,000
Paymnt in Lieu of Taxes	215	214	(1)	214	(1)
Interest & Penalty on Tax	23,000	19,232	(3,768)	20,000	(3,000)
Excavation Tax	1,000	0	(1,000)	0	(1,000)
LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES			0		0
Motor Vehicle Permit Fee	265,000	270,395	5,395	270,000	5,000
Building Permits	2,000	1,430	(570)	2,000	0
Dog Licenses and Fines	2,000	2,322	322	2,000	0
Other Permits and Fees	300	160	(140)	300	0
STATE OF NH & FEDERAL			0		0
Federal Grants/Reimburs	0	0	0	0	0
Shared Revenues-Room:	66,376	72,091	5,715	72,091	5,715
Shared Revenue-BPT	11,939	11,939	0	11,939	0
Highway Block Grant	89,153	89,153	0	87,412	(1,741)
Bridge Aid		32,494	32,494	13,000	13,000
Railroad Tax & Other	1,000	902	(98)	902	(98)
CHARGES FOR SERVICES			0		0
Zoning Board Fees	1,000	246	(754)	1,000	0
Planning Board Fees	2,000	2,723	723	2,000	0
Zoning/Subdivision Reg.	100	211	111	100	0
Cemetery		107	107	0	0
Burial Fees	500	560	60	500	0
Highway Dept. Income	1,000	1,578	578	1,000	0
Police Dept. Income	11,000	14,559	3,559	11,000	0
Fire Dept. Income	50	257	207	50	0
Recycling Income	1,000	4,179	3,179	4,000	3,000
Transfer Sta Ticket Sales	0	60	60	0	0
MISCELLANEOUS SOURCES			0		0
Sale of Town Property	0	3,430	3,430	0	0
Insurance Dividends	0	0	0	0	0
Rental of Town Property	1,500	1,675	175	1,500	0
Interest on Investments	25,000	28,761	3,761	20,000	(5,000)
Town Forest	1,500	0	(1,500)	1,500	0
Other Sources	9,300	7,937	(1,363)	4,000	(5,300)
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN			0		0
Trust & Special Revenue	5,700	5,254	(446)	5,175	(525)
Capital Reserve Funds	38,000	14,806	(23,194)	118,000	80,000
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES			0		0
Proceeds from long-term	0		0		0
Use of Fund Balance	28,600	28,600	0	14,000	(14,600)
TOTAL REVENUES	596,233	627,876	31,643	673,683	77,450

2007 BUDGET
GENERAL FUND BALANCE SHEET

	December 2007	December 2006
ASSETS		
Cash & Short Term Investments	1,262,653	1,038,110
Petty Cash	300	300
Uncollected Property Taxes	196,602	167,598
Uncollected Land Use Taxes	0	0
Uncollected Yield Taxes	911	0
Uncollected Excavation Taxes	0	0
Unredeemed Taxes	60,590	41,304
Allowance for Tax Refunds	(32,283)	(17,369)
Accounts Receivables	98	1,609
Due from Capital Reserve	0	810
TOTAL ASSETS	1,488,871	1,232,362
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Accounts Payable	0	0
Due to Conservation Fund	38,322	27,990
Due to School District	949,955	724,127
Due to Town Forest	100	100
Deferred Tax Revenue	620	3,300
Fund Balance:		
Reserved for Encumbrances	44,415	29,148
Undesignated	455,459	447,697
TOTAL LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE	1,488,871	1,232,362

Source MS-5 Part 2

2008 BUDGET
SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
TOWN OF CORNISH

	2007 Final Approp	2007 Actual Expend	2007 Over (Under)	2008 Proposed Budget	2008 Increase (Decrease)
TOWN GOVERNMENT					
Town Office	62,900	58,598	(4,302)	64,107	1,207
Tax Collector	12,607	11,988	(619)	12,705	98
Town Clerk	12,985	11,755	(1,230)	13,985	1,000
Elections	4,828	3,344	(1,484)	8,159	3,331
Audit	7,000	7,000	0	7,000	0
Revaluation	8,000	3,466	(4,534)	5,000	(3,000)
Legal	6,000	4,208	(1,792)	5,000	(1,000)
Planning Board	3,020	3,413	393	3,720	700
Zoning Board	1,020	464	(556)	970	(50)
Buildings & Grounds	28,635	28,677	42	29,425	790
Cemeteries	24,659	23,620	(1,039)	22,909	(1,500)
Insurance	43,000	41,843	(1,157)	43,000	0
Regional Assoc.	1,921	1,921	0	1,978	57
Town Records	1,900	1,872	(28)	1,900	0
Spirit Comm	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0
Total	219,475	202,169	(17,306)	220,858	1,633

PUBLIC SAFETY

Police Dept	61,140	60,962	(178)	63,367	2,227
Ambulance	18,345	18,345	0	18,345	0
Fire Dept	30,650	30,363	(287)	32,650	2,000
Emergency Mgmt	50	0	(50)	50	0
Total	110,185	109,670	(515)	114,412	4,227

HIGHWAY DEPT

Class V Roads	420,265	420,233	(32)	471,896	51,631
Total	420,265	420,233	(32)	471,896	51,631

SANITATION

Septage	2,500	2,492	(8)	2,500	0
Recycling	9,000	7,344	(1,656)	9,000	0
Hazardous Waste	1,500	15,582	14,082	1,500	0
Total	13,000	25,418	12,418	13,000	0

**HEALTH & HUMAN
SERVICES**

	15,165	12,541	(2,624)	15,050	(115)
Total	15,165	12,541	(2,624)	15,050	(115)

2008 BUDGET
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TOWN OF CORNISH

	2007 Final Approp	2007 Actual Expend	2007 Over (Under)	2008 Proposed Budget	2008 Increase (Decrease)
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COMMUNITY & RECREATION

Parks & CREA Land	6,370	6,370	0	6,370	0
Memorial Day	1,000	235	(765)	750	(250)
Total	7,370	6,605	(765)	7,120	(250)

CONSERVATION

Conservation Comm	900	900	0	900	0
Total	900	900	0	900	0

INTEREST

Tax Anticipation Notes	2,000	0	(2,000)	2,000	0
Total	2,000	0	(2,000)	2,000	0

OPERATING TRANSFERS

Library Fund	13,367	13,484	117	13,236	(131)
Conservation	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0
Highway Capital	35,000	35,000	0	45,000	10,000
Fire Capital	22,000	22,000	0	22,000	0
Police Capital	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
Appraisal Capital	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Bridge Capital	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Library Capital	12,000	12,000	0	12,000	0
Total	111,367	111,484	117	121,236	9,869
Encumbered from 2007		29,148	(29,148)		
Encumbered to 2008		18,540	(18,540)		
Total before Articles	899,727	936,708	(58,395)	966,472	66,995

ARTICLES

Master Plan	8,000	2,500	(5,500)		
Fire Association	4,100	4,100	0		
Chase Hill Bridge	43,000	40,618	(2,382)		
Town Office Foundation	12,000	0	(12,000)		
Recycling Ctr Roof	12,500	4,125	(8,375)		
Data Verification	8,000	4,212	(3,788)	8,000	0
Town Forest	1,500	0	(1,500)	1,500	0
Station 1 Paving				14,000	14,000
Highway truck				110,000	110,000
Bridge reimbursement				10,000	10,000
Total Articles	89,100	55,555	(33,545)	143,500	134,000
Encumbered to 2008		25,875	(25,875)		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	988,827	999,598	10,771	1,109,972	121,145

2008 BUDGET
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS and EXPENDITURES
TOWN OF CORNISH

	2007 Final Approp	2007 Actual Expend	2007 Over (Under)	2008 Proposed Budget	2008 Increase (Decrease)
(a) TOWN OFFICE					
Salaries	38,000	37,340	(660)	40,907	2,907
Salary - Treasurer	1,200	1,200	0	1,200	0
Salary - Dep Treas	100	100	0	100	0
FICA	2,800	2,367	(433)	2,600	(200)
Medicare	675	558	(117)	675	0
Advertising	450	309	(141)	450	0
Memberships	1,100	1,205	105	1,300	200
Postage	1,300	808	(492)	1,000	(300)
Software Leases	2,600	1,450	(1,150)	3,700	1,100
Copier Lease	2,400	2,213	(187)	2,400	0
Computer Expense	2,000	796	(1,204)	1,000	(1,000)
Office Supplies	2,000	2,080	80	2,000	0
Town Report	2,500	2,938	438	3,000	500
Mileage	2,000	1,763	(237)	3,300	1,300
Training & Educ	300	192	(108)	300	0
Registry of Deeds	75	16	(59)	75	0
Telephone	2,700	2,403	(297)	0	(2,700)
Internet	600	750	150	0	(600)
Miscellaneous	100	110	10	100	0
TOTAL	62,900	58,598	(4,302)	64,107	1,207

Tax Collector

(b) TAX COLLECTOR					
Salary	6,000	6,000	0	6,000	0
Salary - Dep. Tax Coll.	600	687	87	600	0
FICA	400	300	(100)	400	0
Medicare	100	79	(21)	125	25
Memberships	25	20	(5)	25	0
Postage	1,230	602	(628)	1,000	(230)
Software Leases	1,652	1,458	(194)	1,505	(147)
Computer Expense	0	185	185	200	200
Office supplies	500	459	(41)	500	0
Mileage	200	313	113	350	150
Training & Education	800	482	(318)	500	(300)
Tax Lien & Deed Fees	800	1,206	406	1,200	400
Registry of Deeds	200	139	(61)	200	0
Miscellaneous	100	58	(42)	100	0
TOTAL	12,607	11,988	(619)	12,705	98

2008 BUDGET
STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS and EXPENDITURES
TOWN OF CORNISH

	2007 Final Approp	2007 Actual Expend	2007 Over (Under)	2008 Proposed Budget	2008 Increase (Decrease)
c) TOWN CLERK					
Salary	1,500	1,500	0	1,800	300
Salary - Dep. Town Clerk	600	543	(57)	600	0
FICA	1,000	1,079	79	1,000	0
Medicare	100	240	140	250	150
Memberships	25	40	15	25	0
Postage	600	633	33	700	100
Software Leases	2,000	1,896	(104)	2,000	0
Computer Expense	2,250	398	(1,852)	2,500	250
Office Supplies	500	471	(29)	500	0
Reference Books	50	49	(1)	0	(50)
Dog Licenses	110	132	22	110	0
Mileage	250	199	(51)	500	250
Training & Education	500	35	(465)	500	0
Motor Vehicles	3,300	3,921	621	3,300	0
Marriage Lic. Fees	20	(7)	(27)	20	0
Fish & Game Fees	20	(40)	(60)	20	0
Title Fees	20	12	(8)	20	0
Wetland fees	20	150	130	20	0
Validation Pole Fee	20	272	252	20	0
Miscellaneous	100	232	132	100	0
TOTAL	12,985	11,755	(1,230)	13,985	1,000

d) ELECTIONS

Salaries	3,500	1,425	(2,075)	6,800	3,300
FICA	75	19	(56)	50	(25)
Medicare	25	4	(21)	25	0
Advertising	150	96	(54)	300	150
Postage	78	19	(59)	41	(37)
Computer Expense	250	0	(250)	250	0
Office Supplies	100	0	(100)	100	0
Election Expenses	100	1,718	1,618	100	0
Mileage	200	70	(130)	243	43
Miscellaneous	250	10	(240)	150	(100)
Vitals - State	0	(10)	(10)	0	0
Vitals-Town clerk	100	(7)	(107)	100	0
TOTAL	4,828	3,344	(1,484)	8,159	3,331

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TOWN OF CORNISH

	2007 Final Approp	2007 Actual Expend	2007 Over (Under)	2008 Proposed Budget	2008 Increase (Decrease)
e) AUDIT					
Audit	7,000	7,000	0	7,000	0
TOTAL	7,000	7,000	0	7,000	0

(f) REVALUATION

Construction Pick-ups	8,000	3,466	(4,534)	5,000	(3,000)
TOTAL	8,000	3,466	(4,534)	5,000	(3,000)

g)

(g) LEGAL

Town Attorney	6,000	4,208	(1,792)	5,000	(1,000)
TOTAL	6,000	4,208	(1,792)	5,000	(1,000)

(h) PLANNING BOARD

Salaries	1,000	1,030	30	1,000	0
FICA	100	65	(35)	100	0
Medicare	20	15	(5)	20	0
Advertising	800	1,502	702	1,500	700
Postage	600	546	(54)	600	0
Mileage	100	50	(50)	100	0
Training & Educ	300	205	(95)	300	0
Miscellaneous	100	0	(100)	100	0
TOTAL	3,020	3,413	393	3,720	700

(i) ZONING BOARD

Salaries	420	30	(390)	420	0
FICA	0	2	2	0	0
Medicare	0	0	0	0	0
Advertising	150	96	(54)	150	0
Postage	300	252	(48)	300	0
Mileage	0	0	0	0	0
Training & Educ	50	84	34	50	0
Miscellaneous	100	0	(100)	50	(50)
TOTAL	1,020	464	(556)	970	(50)

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TOWN OF CORNISH

	2007 Final Approp	2007 Actual Expend	2007 Over (Under)	2008 Proposed Budget	2008 Increase (Decrease)
(j) BUILDINGS & GROUNDS					
TOWN OFFICES					
Salaries	6,000	7,127	1,127	6,000	0
FICA	425	336	(89)	350	(75)
Medicare	90	79	(11)	90	0
Electricity	2,000	1,722	(278)	2,000	0
Heat	3,100	2,641	(459)	3,100	0
Telephone	0	0	0	3,100	3,100
Internet	0	0	0	900	900
Building Maintenance	6,000	1,478	(4,522)	3,000	(3,000)
Cleaning	950	975	25	975	25
Rugs	760	577	(183)	600	(160)
Insurance Reimbursemen	0	(10,476)	(10,476)		
Miscellaneous	300	255	(45)	300	0
CREA Barn Repair	0	10,476	10,476		
Maintenance Supplies	300	563	263	300	0
subtotal	19,925	15,753	(4,172)	20,715	790
TOWN HALL					
Salaries	1,500	844	(656)	1,500	0
FICA	25	0	(25)	25	0
Medicare	10	0	(10)	10	0
Electricity	2,200	2,312	112	2,200	0
Heat	3,100	4,026	926	3,100	0
Trash	875	385	(490)	875	0
Building Maintenance	1,000	1,257	257	1,000	0
subtotal	8,710	8,824	114	8,710	0
Encumbered to 08		4,100	(4,100)		
TOTAL	28,635	28,677	42	29,425	790
(k) CEMETERIES					
Salaries	12,224	11,311	(913)	12,224	0
FICA	1,100	1,170	70	1,100	0
Medicare	260	274	14	260	0
Mileage	250	0	(250)	0	
Tools	1,000	524	(476)	500	(500)
Gasoline	950	955	5	950	0
Diesel	250	277	27	250	0
Hired Equipment	500	0	(500)	500	0
Miscellaneous	100	49	(51)	100	0
Cemetery Vehicle	350	399	49	350	0
Equipment Repair	500	1,553	1,053	500	0
Maintenance Supplies	500	245	(255)	500	0
Perpetual Care	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0
Sanderson Fund	175	254	79	175	0
Tree Removal	1,000	0	(1,000)	0	(1,000)
Burial Expenses	500	609	109	500	0
Headstone Cleaning	0	1,000	1,000	0	0
TOTAL	24,659	23,620	(1,039)	22,909	(1,500)

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TOWN OF CORNISH

	2007 Final Approp	2007 Actual Expend	2007 Over (Under)	2008 Proposed Budget	2008 Increase (Decrease)
(l) INSURANCE					
Property & Liability	43,000	41,843	(1,157)	43,000	0
TOTAL	43,000	41,843	(1,157)	43,000	0
(m) REGIONAL ASSOC.					
UVLSRPC Retainer	1921	1921	0	1978	57
TOTAL	1921	1921	0	1978	57
(n) TOWN RECORDS					
Records Preservation	1,900	1,872	(28)	1,900	0
TOTAL	1,900	1,872	(28)	1,900	0
(o) SPIRIT COMMITTEE					
Spirit Project	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0
TOTAL	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0
(p) POLICE DEPARTMENT					
Salaries	29,468	26,787	(2,681)	31,380	1,912
Salaries - Special	6,500	6,977	477	6,500	0
FICA	2,107	1,891	(216)	2,107	0
Medicare	525	442	(83)	525	0
Postage	30	22	(8)	30	0
Computer Expense	1,600	1,475	(125)	1,675	75
Office Supplies	300	387	87	300	0
Training & Educ	700	657	(43)	700	0
Telephone	2,100	2,394	294	2,100	0
Internet	1,200	1,242	42	1,200	0
Heat	800	754	(46)	800	0
Transcription Services	0	0	0	250	250
Uniforms	750	823	73	1,500	750
Equipment	1,400	4,472	3,072	400	(1,000)
Dispatch	8,110	8,059	(51)	8,350	240
Gasoline	1,500	1,443	(57)	1,500	0
Contracted Services	1,500	750	(750)	1,500	0
Miscellaneous	100	120	20	100	0
Equipment Repair	500	455	(45)	500	0
Radios	450	573	123	450	0
Building Maintenance	500	600	100	500	0
Vehicle Maintenance	1,000	639	(361)	1,000	0
TOTAL	61,140	60,962	(178)	63,367	2,227

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TOWN OF CORNISH

	2007 Final Approp	2007 Actual Expend	2007 Over (Under)	2008 Proposed Budget	2008 Increase (Decrease)
(q) AMBULANCE					
Windsor	10,760	10,760	0	10,760	0
Golden Cross	<u>7,585</u>	<u>7,585</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7,585</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	18,345	18,345	0	18,345	0
(r) FIRE DEPARTMENT					
Subscriptions	75	0	(75)	75	0
Memberships	400	410	10	400	0
Postage	50	0	(50)	50	0
Mileage	150	0	(150)	150	0
Training & Educ	200	0	(200)	200	0
Telephone	900	1,243	343	900	0
Electricity-Route 120	500	321	(179)	500	0
Electricity-Town House	2,000	1,808	(192)	2,000	0
Heat-Route 120	1,500	2,481	981	1,500	0
Heat-Town House	1,600	2,582	982	1,600	0
Fire Equipment	1,000	500	(500)	1,000	0
Protective Gear	500	0	(500)	500	0
Pagers	1,000	212	(788)	1,000	0
Hose	2,000	0	(2,000)	2,000	0
Forest Fire	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0
Dispatch	5,000	4,146	(854)	7,000	2,000
Gasoline	450	61	(389)	450	0
Diesel	1,000	1,220	220	1,000	0
Miscellaneous	150	154	4	150	0
Equipment Repair	1,000	468	(532)	1,000	0
Radios	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0
Maintenance-Sta 1	1,000	1,688	688	1,000	0
Maintenance-Sta 2	250	75	(175)	250	0
Engine 1	2,000	364	(1,636)	2,000	0
Engine 2	2,000	940	(1,060)	2,000	0
Engine 3	1,000	295	(705)	1,000	0
Tanker	400	795	395	400	0
Utility Truck	1,525	200	(1,325)	1,525	0
SCBA	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(1,000)</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>0</u>
subtotal	30,650	19,963	(10,687)	32,650	2,000
Encumbered to 08		10,400	(10,400)		
TOTAL	30,650	30,363	(287)	32,650	2,000
(s) EMERGENCY MGT.					
	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(50)</u>	<u>50</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL	50	0	(50)	50	0

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TOWN OF CORNISH

	2007 Final Approp	2007 Actual Expend	2007 Over (Under)	2008 Proposed Budget	2008 Increase (Decrease)
HIGHWAY					
Salaries	146,765	138,984	(7,781)	170,082	23,317
Salaries-Part Time	3,600	2,118	(1,482)	3,600	0
Salaries-Overtime	9,000	17,944	8,944	16,000	7,000
FICA	12,000	9,784	(2,216)	12,000	0
Medicare	2,250	2,307	57	2,250	0
Retirement	11,000	9,416	(1,584)	14,864	3,864
Medical Ins -Town	35,000	22,338	(12,662)	40,000	5,000
CDL testing	1,000	524	(476)	400	(600)
Advertising	200	721	521	500	300
Training & Educ	750	183	(567)	500	(250)
Telephone	1,000	718	(282)	700	(300)
Electricity	2,200	2,582	382	2,500	300
Heat	3,000	3,336	336	3,200	200
Uniforms	3,000	1,552	(1,448)	1,500	(1,500)
Permits	800	1,045	245	1,000	200
Gasoline	900	520	(380)	900	0
Diesel	26,000	33,487	7,487	34,000	8,000
Oil & Lubricants	2,000	2,441	441	2,500	500
Asphalt & Tar	46,000	48,926	2,926	49,000	3,000
Gravel	23,900	23,997	97	25,000	1,100
Sand	12,000	8,655	(3,345)	12,000	0
Salt	2,000	1,352	(648)	2,000	0
Culverts	5,000	9,039	4,039	8,000	3,000
Guard Rails	1,000	1,095	95	1,000	0
Road Supplies	11,500	19,592	8,092	11,500	0
Shop Supplies	4,000	3,014	(986)	4,000	0
Hired Equipment	23,000	18,906	(4,094)	23,000	0
Trash	700	280	(420)	700	0
Plows,Chains,Blades	2,000	5,831	3,831	2,500	500
Sanders	3,000	8,067	5,067	1,000	(2,000)
2003 Ford Pickup	2,500	763	(1,737)	2,500	0
2002 Truck	3,500	5,208	1,708	3,500	0
1996 Truck	5,500	1,614	(3,886)	5,500	0
2005 Truck	2,500	1,520	(980)	2,500	0
1999 Loader	3,000	344	(2,656)	3,000	0
2002 Grader	4,000	3,747	(253)	4,000	0
Allis Chalmers	1,000	0	(1,000)	1,000	0
Sweeper	1,000	857	(143)	1,000	0
Insurance Reimb	0	(1,808)	(1,808)	0	0
Radios	200	0	(200)	200	0
Building Maintenance	2,500	5,194	2,694	2,500	0
subtotal	420,265	416,193	(4,072)	471,896	51,631
Encumbered to 08		4,040	(4,040)		
TOTAL	420,265	420,233	(32)	471,896	51,631

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TOWN OF CORNISH

	2007 Final Approp	2007 Actual Expend	2007 Over (Under)	2008 Proposed Budget	2008 Increase (Decrease)
SANITATION					
(t) Septage	2,500	2,492	(8)	2,500	0
(u) Recycling	9,000	7,344	(1,656)	9,000	0
(v) Hazardous Waste	1,500	15,582	14,082	1,500	0
TOTAL	13,000	25,418	12,418	13,000	0
x)					
(w) HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES					
Health	50	50	0	50	0
Animal Control	480	356	(124)	480	0
VNA & Hospice	1,000	1,000	0	1,000	0
Sullivan Cty Hospice	250	250	0	250	0
SW Comm Serv	900	900	0	500	(400)
Volunteers in Action	500	500	0	600	100
West Central Services	1,785	1,785	0	1,870	85
CT Valley Home Care	2,500	2,500	0	2,500	0
Sullivan Cty Nutrition Serv	300	300	0	300	0
Grafton Co. Sr Citizen	500	500	0	600	100
Cornish Rescue Squad	4,400	4,400	0	4,400	0
General Assistance	2,500	0	(2,500)	2,500	0
TOTAL	15,165	12,541	(2,624)	15,050	(115)
COMMUNITY & RECREATION					
(x) Parks & CREA Lands	6,370	6,370	0	6,370	0
(y) Memorial Day	1,000	235	(765)	750	(250)
TOTAL	7,370	6,605	(765)	7,120	(250)
CONSERVATION					
(z) Conservation Comm	900	900	0	900	0
TOTAL	900	900	0	900	0
REST					
Tax Anticipation Notes	2000	0	2,000	2,000	0
TOTAL	2000	0	(2,000)	2,000	0
TOTAL	788,360	777,536	(10,824)	845,236	56,876

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TOWN OF CORNISH

	2007 Final Approp	2007 Actual Expend	2007 Over (Under)	2008 Proposed Budget	2008 Increase (Decrease)
OPERATING TRANSFERS					
(Z2) Library Fund	13,367	13,484	117	13,236	(131)
Conservation Fund	5,000	5,000	0	5,000	0
Highway Cap Reserve	35,000	35,000	0	45,000	10,000
Fire Cap Reserve	22,000	22,000	0	22,000	0
Police Cap Reserve	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0
Appraisal Cap Reserve	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Bridge Cap Reserve	10,000	10,000	0	10,000	0
Library Cap Reserve	12,000	12,000	0	12,000	0
Total	111,367	111,484	117	121,236	9,869
Encumbrances to 08		18,540	(18,540)		
Total before Articles	111,367	130,024	(18,423)	121,236	9,869
ARTICLES					
Master Plan	8,000	2,500	(5,500)		
Fire Association	4,100	4,100	0		
Chase Hill Bridge	43,000	40,618	(2,382)		
Town Office Foundation	12,000	0	(12,000)		
Recycling Ctr Roof	12,500	4,125	(8,375)		
Data Verification	8,000	4,212	(3,788)	8,000	0
Town Forest	1,500	0	(1,500)	1,500	0
Station 1 Paving				14,000	14,000
Highway truck				110,000	110,000
Bridge reimbursement				10,000	10,000
Total Articles	89,100	55,555	(33,545)	143,500	134,000
Encumbered from 06		29,148	(29,148)		
Encumbered to 08		25,875	(25,875)		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	988,827	999,598	10,771	1,109,972	121,145

2007 SALARIES AND WAGES

	FTE/ HRS	WKS	2007 WAGE
TOWN OFFICE			
Bourne Merilynn		52	1,689
Caterino, Bill		52	1,200
Hammond, John		52	1,789
Harthan, Paula		52	14,145
Hodgeman, Stuart		52	1,331
Kolenberg, Marge	40	52	32,243
Sweetser, Reigh		52	7,767
CEMETERIES			
Abbott, George	24	26	7,638
Earle, Albert	24	26	9,435
Rawson, John	24	26	7,532
POLICE			
Beaudry, Gerry			1637
Hackett, Doug			18,647
Roberts, Paul			884
Stevens, Corey			8,103
HIGHWAY			
Cass, Nate	0	0	693
Gilbert, Roger	40	48	27,353
Flynn, Daniel	40	52	42,654
Hannah, Michael	40	6	6,009
Lafoe, Daniel			743
Lord, Neil	40	30	18,311
McNamara, John	40	44	23,824
Spaulding, Gary	40	52	26,087
Stetson, Eric	40	6	4,879
LIBRARY			
Cromwell, Emily	10	52	6,075
O'Connor, Dale**	6	52	2,044
RECYCLING			
Rook, Dale	5	52	2,080
Aldrich, George	5	52	2,190
Monette, Michael			616

2007 BUDGET
SUMMARY OF INVENTORY VALUATION

	2007 Acres	2007 Assessed Valuation	2006 Acres	2006 Assessed Valuation
Value of Land Only				
In Current Use at				
Current Use Values	21,251	2,669,536	21,274.28	3,192,793
Conservation Restriction	1,561	164,924	1,560.57	197,280
Residential	2,864	56,729,400	2,834.54	56,424,900
Commerical/Industrial	5	515,300	4.53	515,300
TOTAL OF TAX LAND	25,680	60,079,160	25,673.92	60,330,453
Value of Buildings Only				
Residential		112,176,310		110,359,610
Manufactured Housing		2,717,900		2,591,800
Commerical/Industrial		1,007,500		1,007,500
Discretionary Preservation		28,590		28,590
TOTAL OF TAXABLE BUILDINGS		115,930,300		113,987,500
Public Utilities - Electric				
Granite State Electric		234,800		276,200
New England Power		1,515,200		1,866,700
New Hampshire Electric Co-op		961,000		1,130,600
Public Service of NH & VT		1,343,400		1,369,300
TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES		4,054,400		4,853,700
GRAND TOTAL VALUATION				
BEFORE EXEMPTION		180,063,860		179,171,653
Less Exemptions:				
Blind(2)		(30,000)		(30,000)
Elderly (23)		(1,335,000)		(13,800,000)
Disabled (1)		(25,000)		(25,000)
NET VALUATION ON WHICH				
TAX RATE IS COMPUTED		178,673,860		177,736,653
ACRES IN CURRENT USE				
Farm Land		2,310		2,329.12
Forest Land		18,606		18,606.71
Unproductive Land		175		175.21
Wetland		163		163.24
TOTAL ACREAGE		21,254		21,274.28

Tax Collector's Report
Year Ending 12/31/2007

2007

Uncollected Taxes - Start of Year

Taxes Committed This Year

Property Taxes	\$2,906,208.00
Land Use Change Tax	\$38,322.00
Timber Yield Tax	\$12,600.63

Overpayments

From Prior Year	\$3,300.00
New this year	\$619.88

Interest	\$2,738.85
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Total Debits	\$2,963,789.36
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Remitted to Treasurer

Property Taxes	\$2,709,106.27
Land Use Change Tax	\$38,322.00
Timber Yield Tax	\$11,689.33
Interest	\$2,738.85
Excavation Tax	
Prior Year Overpmts	\$3,300.00
Converted To Liens	

Abatements

Property Taxes	\$500.00
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Uncollected At The End Of The Year

Property Taxes	\$196,601.73
Land Use Change	
Yield Tax	\$911.30
Remaining OverPyaments	\$619.88

Total Credits	\$2,963,789.36
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I hereby certify that the above accounting is correct to the best knowledge and belief.

Reigh H. Sweetser, Tax Collector

Tax Collector's Report
Summary of Liens
Year ending December 31, 2007

Unredeemed & Executed Liens

Debits	2006	2005	2004+
Liens at the beginning of year		\$32,330.32	\$8,974.17
Liens executed during year	\$56,942.01		
Interest & cost collected	\$1,458.31	\$2,867.76	\$1,506.72
Total Lien Debits	\$58,400.32	\$35,198.08	\$10,480.89

Credits	2006	2005	2004+
Redemptions	\$19,797.84	\$11,280.98	\$6,577.40
Interest & cost collected	\$1,458.31	\$2,867.76	\$1,506.72
Unredeemed liens end of year	\$37,144.17	\$21,049.34	\$2,396.77
Total Lien Credits	\$58,400.32	\$35,198.08	\$10,480.89

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Reigh H. Sweetser
Tax Collector

TAX RATE COMPUTATION
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE

	2008Est	2007	2006
Total Town Appropriations	1,109,972	988,827	923,795
Add: Allowance for Refunds & Abatements	15,000	18,261	15,112
War Service Credits:			
Disabled Veterans @ \$1400	0	0	0
All Other Veterans @ \$500 (\$100 in 2006)	46,500	46,500	10,100
Deduct: Non-Property Tax Town Revenues	-673,683	-614,879	-588,105
State Shared Revenues	-9,090	-9,090	-9,090
Town Taxes To Be Raised	488,699	429,619	351,812
Local School Tax Assessment	3,139,539	2,803,612	2,671,062
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	-825,527	-718,657	-684,435
State Education Taxes	-388,488	-388,488	-342,794
Local School Taxes To Be Raised	1,925,524	1,696,467	1,643,833
State Education Tax	388,488	388,488	342,794
County Tax Assessment	437,405	437,405	353,921
Deduct: State Shared Revenues	-3,928	-3,928	-3,928
County Taxes To Be Raised	433,477	433,477	349,993
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES TO BE RAISED	3,236,188	2,948,051	2,688,432
Assessed Valuation	178,673,860	178,673,860	177,736,653
Assessed Valuation without Utilities	174,619,460	174,619,460	172,882,953
TOTAL TAX RATE PER \$1000 OF VALUATION	18.16	16.55	15.18
TAX RATE BREAKDOWN	2008 Est	2007	2006
Town Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	2.74	2.41	1.98
School Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	10.78	9.49	9.25
State School Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	2.22	2.22	1.98
County Rate Per \$1000 of Valuation	2.43	2.43	1.97
TOTAL RATE	18.16	16.55	15.18

TREASURER'S REPORT
TOWN OF CORNISH, NEW HAMPSHIRE
Year Ended December 31, 2007

Reconciliation-Citizens Bank Checking Account		
Balance 12/31/2006		1,038,109.91
Add Receipts:		
Tax Collector	2,980,924.28	
Selectmen	367,968.15	
Town Clerk	283,433.00	
Total Available		4,670,435.34
Less Payments During Year:		
School	1,859,127.00	
County	437,405.00	
Town	1,111,250.01	
Total Payments		3,407,782.01
Balance 12/31/2007		1,262,653.33
Bank Statement Balance 12/31/2007		60,000.00
Add Deposits in Transit	75,257.81	
Add Short Term Investments	1,232,147.12	
Add Unposted Chargeback	250.00	
Less Outstanding Vendor Checks	(103,496.41)	
Less Outstanding Payroll Checks	(1,505.19)	
Checkbook Balance 12/31/2007		1,262,653.33

Special Funds in Custody of Treasurer-Invested in NH Public Deposit Investment Pool				
	Beginning Of Year	Add Receipts	Less Payments	End Of Year
Conservation Fund	76,806.52	37,986.01	5,000.00	109,792.53
CREA Fund	8,801.00	498.18	300.00	8,999.18
Rodney Palmer Fund	15,262.09	776.89		16,038.98
CREA Barn Fund	10,462.55	686.16	2,324.36	8,824.35

Respectfully submitted,
William Caterino
Town Treasurer

**TOWN CLERK REPORT
YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31,2007**

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$276,346.50
Dog Licenses/Animal Control	2,773.00
Dog Penalties & Fines	571.00
Marriage Licenses Issued	450.00
Misc. (Copies, labels, pole lic)	529.50
Filing Fees for Titles	904.00
UCC Filing Fees	285.00
Fish and Game Licenses	1,198.00
Vital Statistics	376.00
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Total money remitted to the Treasurer	\$283,433.00

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Harthan
Town Clerk

Town of Cornish, NH Capital Reserve Funds 2007

Created	Fund Name	Beginning Balance	New Funds	Income	Expended	Year End Balance
1985	Appraisal	\$ 66,948.50	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,242.19	\$ 10,643.44	\$ 67,547.25
1995	Bridges	\$ 60,523.91	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 1,149.83	\$ 11,623.62	\$ 60,050.12
1970	Fire Truck	\$ 137,932.85	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 2,549.78	\$ 11,923.31	\$ 150,559.32
1967	Highway Equipment	\$ 74,504.74	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 1,657.75	\$ -	\$ 111,162.49
2000	Library	\$ 46,203.33	\$ 12,000.00	\$ 961.09		\$ 59,164.42
1982	Police Cruiser	\$ 10,702.60	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 231.06		\$ 14,933.66
1979	School Bldg. Site Impr.	\$ 30,531.23	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 350.64	\$ 19,000.00	\$ 14,881.87
1986	School Block Fund	\$ 7,760.74		\$ 147.53		\$ 7,908.27
2002	School General Repairs	\$ 20,348.05	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 216.55	\$ 14,880.00	\$ 8,684.60
2002	School HVAC	\$ 17,119.11	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 370.03		\$ 20,489.14
2007	Spec Ed/H/S Tuition	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 399.89		\$ 30,399.89

Totals \$ 472,575.06 \$ 132,000.00 \$ 9,276.34 \$ 68,070.37 \$ 545,781.03

All funds are invested with Citizens Bank. The information contained in this report is accurate to the best of our knowledge and belief.
Prepared by Heather Meeks and Willis Reed (Trustees of the Trust Funds)

Town of Cornish, NH Trust Funds 2007

Created	Fund Name	Purpose	Principal			Income		
			Beginning Balance	New Funds	Ending Balance	Beginning Balance	Income	Expendable
1987	Cornish Welfare	Charitable, Needy	\$ 3,518.54	\$ -	\$ 3,518.54	\$ 5,285.31	\$ 167.37	\$ 5,452.68
1989	Foss & Kimball	Charitable, Needy	\$ 5,096.04	\$ -	\$ 5,096.04	\$ 16,051.05	\$ 399.84	\$ 16,054.37
1971	M.J. Kenney	Charitable, Elderly	\$ 4,044.61	\$ -	\$ 4,044.61	\$ 7,336.80	\$ 216.35	\$ 7,553.15
1917	Stowell Library	Library	\$ 10,897.15	\$ -	\$ 10,897.15	\$ 6,151.88	\$ 296.41	\$ 4,948.29
1902	Mercer/Aid to Ed	Scholarship/College	\$ 13,214.61	\$ -	\$ 13,214.61	\$ 69,806.24	\$ 1,573.96	\$ 70,380.20
1898	Public School	Scholarship	\$ 418.24	\$ -	\$ 418.24	\$ 1,118.04	\$ 29.20	\$ 1,147.24
1999	Queneau Scholarship	Scholarship/8th Grade	\$ 33,000.00	\$ -	\$ 33,000.00	\$ 1,846.09	\$ 662.39	\$ 2,508.48
1909	J. Foss/Flags	Town, Upkeep	\$ 1,731.40	\$ -	\$ 1,731.40	\$ 5,503.22	\$ 137.54	\$ 5,640.76
1902	Beaman Guide Boards	Town, Upkeep	\$ 1,173.06	\$ -	\$ 1,173.06	\$ 3,033.67	\$ 67.33	\$ 2,434.29
1985	Veterans' Memorial	Town, Upkeep	\$ 645.35	\$ -	\$ 645.35	\$ 765.24	\$ 26.81	\$ 792.05
Various	Perpetual Care	Cometary	\$ 69,539.65	\$ 6,020.23	\$ 75,559.88			
	Perpetual Care, New							
2007	Fitts, LI & WH	Center		\$ 200.00				
2007	Schubert, James & Anne	Huggins		\$ 200.00				
2007	Cable, Bill & Mary Boyle	Huggins		\$ 200.00				
2007	Griffith, Hannah & Everett	Comings		\$ 200.00				
2007	Neil, James	Edminster		\$ 400.00				
2007	Smith, Scott R.S.	Huggins		\$ 800.00				
2007	Balloch, Steven M.	Trinity		\$ 1,200.00				
	Perpetual Care, Additional Upkeep							
2007	Mercer, William	Chase		\$ 2,820.23				

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Prepared by Heather Meeks and Willis Reed (Trustees of the Trust Funds)

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

2007

Once again it was a busy year for us. The rain showers and hot weather during the spring and summer months kept us busy mowing most of the time. Besides the mowing and landscaping, a great amount of time was spent repairing and straightening 100 – 120 headstones that had fallen into disrepair.

We have spent time filling in and leveling, with loam, sunken graves and will continue with this in the summer.

The wooden crypt in Comings Cemetery is still in dire need of repair. The floor and sills are gone and new roof needs to be done to mention a few. It is my hope that someday repairs will be made.

At this time I would like to remind you of the **rules and regulations** for the cemeteries.

- Reminder that you need to purchase four cornerstones in addition to the lot.
- You are allowed no more then 2 plants or bushes per site and they should be not be allowed to grow more then 3 feet high.
- All plantings must be kept trimmed and not allowed to grow over the headstone.
- No fences or flower gardens are allowed.

This has been my last year as Sexton and I would like to thank George Abbot and John Rawson for all their hard work throughout the past few years. It truly has been my pleasure to work with you.

Sincerely,

Albert F. Earle, Sexton

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

2007

2007 saw four properties for a total of 1205 acres put under permanent conservation easement. The Conservation Fund was used to cover the transaction cost of Anne Tracy donating her development rights to the 35 acre Tracy Farm on Lang Road. Grace Bulkeley and her family donated one of the largest easements in town history. In total this easement protected 773 acres on Dingleton Hill. Also on Dingleton Hill, Mariet and Rob Jaarsma conserved 86.6 acres of their land. Adjacent to the Yatsevitch Forest Sarah and Will Dewey conserved 310 acres of land on Gap Road.

The Land Community Heritage Investment Program (LCHIP) awarded the Upper Valley Land Trust money for the conservation of the Fitch Farm on Dingleton Hill. This ongoing project will most likely be completed in 2008. The Upper Valley Land Trust is continuing to work with two land owners on the Connecticut River on a project funded by Connecticut River Byways. Both of these projects will need community matching funds. The Conservation Commission has created a document that spells out our priorities for using the Conservation Fund. We have allowed this fund to accumulate in expectation for requests such as these outlined above.

The state law that allowed for the establishment of Conservation Commissions stated that they must oversee a Natural Resources Inventory (NRI) of the town. The first NRI was created in 1976. In 2007 the Commission contracted the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to begin a multi-year process that will culminate in a complete Geographic Information System (GIS) based Natural Resources Inventory. The first phase of this project was paid from the Conservation Fund. It will be available for view at town meeting in March 2008.

The State of New Hampshire in 2007 tightened its rules on wetlands permits. If citizens have any questions about the need for a permit please contact the Conservation Commission and we would be glad to assist you.

The 2007 Conservation Award went to the CREA Barn Committee for their hard work preserving the historic Elmhurst Barn next to the

Soccer Fields on the CREA land. We all look forward to having this wonderful space available for community use.

This year the Cornish community lost Michael Yatsevitch. Mike was a true conservationist, founding member of the Cornish Conservation Commission, and a life long public servant. Mike's knowledge, love of Cornish, and instructional remembrances at commission meetings will be missed dearly. Mike left behind him a gift and legacy in the conserved Yatsevitch Forest that will benefit the citizens of Cornish for years to come.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gabe Zoerheide, Chair
Cornish Conservation Commission

CONNECTICUT VALLEY HOME CARE

2007

Connecticut Valley Home Care & Hospice is a state licensed; Medicare certified and accredited visiting nurse, home health, and hospice agency. CVHC also provides a state licensed Medical Adult Day Care Program.

Our certified home health care division consists of the following services: skilled nursing, maternal child health services, licensed nursing assistants, physical, occupational and speech therapy, as well as a medical social worker.

Our Hospice program offers a holistic approach to end of life care with nursing care, home health aides, homemakers, volunteers, bereavement and spiritual counseling.

We also provide homemaker, companion and personal care services which allow area residents to have visiting nurse and home care services that do not have medical insurance or other means to pay.

We are extremely grateful to the Town of Cornish for past donations and we look forward to a continuing relationship.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Bussey
Director

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

2007

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) issued a new Riverwide Overview for water resources in the watershed. Look for a presentation in your area in 2008. We won a major grant from EPA that will fund water quality monitoring at Sumner Falls, among other projects. We cooperated with Vermont and New Hampshire agencies in responding to the discovery of Didymo (Rock Snot) in the river, and hosted Governor Jim Douglas for Vermont's Clean and Clear Water Action Day. We also helped guide the conservation plan for the Conte Refuge, supporting the public's original vision.

In 2007 CRJC considered issues as wide-ranging as the operation of hydro dams on the Connecticut River, silver maple floodplain forest health, mercury emissions, and Important Bird Areas.

CRJC supports efforts to safeguard the valley's natural, agricultural, and historic assets, and is working with businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for tourism through the Connecticut River Byway. In 2007 we worked with Windsor and other towns on a signage plan for the Byway. Look for signs in 2008 and visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont to guide growth and development in the watershed, CRJC is advisory and has no regulatory powers, preferring instead to ensure greater public involvement in decisions that affect the river region. We welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site for a calendar of events, useful information and links, and our newsletters, *River Valley News* and *River Byway News*.

Respectfully submitted,
Cheston Newbold

CREA BARN REPORT

2007

The CREA Barn has a new standing seam roof installed by Ironhorse Roofing. A new roof had been our goal and high winds in late May made the decision for us. The old steel roof on the north side was almost entirely blown off and the south side also received damage. There were twisted sections of the roof blown all around the hay field surrounding the barn and four or five sections were blown across Parsonage road into the woods beyond Marie and Al Stevens' house. Volunteers gathered the debris and the town road crew hauled them away. Town insurance covered the majority of the cost with a supplement from the barn fund.

The high drive stonewalls have been completed by John McSwain and painting by Jeff Stevens has been proceeding.

The next projects will be the repair of the old sections of siding on the front, rear and north sides of the barn, (the south side has new siding), the installation of new windows on the front and rear of the barn, and the construction and installation of new front doors.

The Barn is getting better every year and your contributions and volunteer work are welcome. Walk over or drive to the barn and take a look. It is plumb, level, sturdy and good for another 100 years.

It will soon be time for a town committee to discuss and decide on the barn's future use.

The CREA Barn Committee:

Colleen O'Neill
Marie Stevens
George Edson

Laird Klingler, Treasurer
Bill Gallagher
Don Snowden

FAIR ASSOCIATION 2007

The Cornish Fair Association would like to thank everyone who makes the fair happen like it does. It takes a lot of hard work and dedicated time to put the fair together and have it go smoothly.

We finally had three good days of weather and a successful fair for all. Thursday night was little dampening with the rain and high winds but it was just a wake up call and a blessing for all to have a fun filled weekend at the fair.

We had a lot of events happening throughout the summer. There were horse shows, a cattle show and a tractor show. The Association purchased new aluminum bleachers for the show. We hope to get more aluminum bleachers as we can. We also helped to build new dugouts on the baseball field for the little league and others to use.

We believe that the fair is the largest fund raiser for the P.T.O. and other non profit organizations so we hope to continue to be a success for all.

The Cornish Fair Association hopes to see you at the 59th Annual Cornish Fair on August 15, 16, & 17, 2008.

Thank you,
The Cornish Fair Association

FIRE DEPARTMENT 2007

The Fire Department responded to approximately 90 calls in 2007. The good news is that there were no major fires in Cornish. The structure fires we went to were out of town calls.

The fact that you can pick up the phone and receive help quickly does not come without a price. I don't mean dollars; I mean people. It takes people to make the department work.

There are many like myself who have served over 30 years and are pushing 60 and would like to pass on our knowledge and experience to a new generation. I will come right to the point; if some of you younger men and women don't step forward, your department could be in trouble. We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM at one or the other station. Stop by a meeting or call me during the day at 469-3476. Ask Mike, the new owner of the Cornish Store about us, check us out, we are the best of people and you might enjoy being with us.

I now would like to thank everyone who donated to the new Fire Station in the Flat. The building is almost done and we are looking at a spring open house.

The great thing about the building is that there are no tax dollars involved. All the money for this building was raised through donations and the hard work of the Fire Association, just as we raised the money for the last fire station.

Anyway, drive by and take a look – it is a beautiful building and, again, thanks to everyone who helped.

Respectfully submitted,
Nate Cass, Fire Chief



New Cornish Fire Station located in the Cornish Flat.

FIRE AUXILIARY

2007

This year has been both busy and productive for the Cornish Fire Auxiliary. We held a Rabies Clinic at the Cornish Fire Station on April 21 with Veterinarian Virginia Prince. All dogs and cats are welcome at our upcoming Spring Rabies Clinic scheduled for April 5, 2008, 10:00 – 11:30 AM at the new Fire Station in Cornish Flat. Please bring animals on a leash or in a cage and your old rabies certificate pr tag. Dog licenses will be available at the Fire Station.

The Auxiliary held its annual Holiday Bazaar on November 10th. It was very well attended. We had up to 40 vendors in the Cornish School Gymnasium. As well as table space, the group sells food and raffles off a quilt. This year a beautiful calendar quilt was made and donated to the Auxiliary by Peggy Dunn of Cornish. All the proceeds went to the new fire station in the Flat. Thank you Peggy! Mariet Jaarsma was the lucky winner.

The main role of the Auxiliary is to provide food and beverages to our Volunteer Fire Department when needed at local fire calls. The Cornish Auxiliary also provides food at the Cornish Fire Association's weekly Bingo on Tuesdays at the Town Hall. Cornish continues to be one of the few local towns to have a Volunteer Fire Auxiliary.

Auxiliary meetings are held six times a year and we are always looking for new and interested volunteers. Our annual meeting is held in September. Meetings are the 1st Thursday of every other month. Please ask any of our members for more information.

Thank you for your support throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Harthan, President

Current Auxiliary members:

Paula Harthan	Judy Rook	Jackie Thayer
Colleen O'Neill	Marie Edwards	Lois Fitts
Karen Gillock	Laura Harthan	Maureen Walsh
Sheila Drury	Marcia Paradis	Bernice Johnson
Sandy Ennis	Lorraine Wright	

FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER 2007

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands cooperate to reduce the risk of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the opening burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 1-800-498-6868 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information contact the Division of forests and Lands (603)271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

Fire activity was very busy during the spring of 2007, particularly late April into early May. As the forests and fields greened up in later May the fire danger decreased. However, a very dry late summer created very high fire danger again from August into September, with fire danger reaching very high on Labor Day weekend. Even with the dry conditions, the acreage burned was less than half that of 2006. The largest forest fire during the 2007 season burned approximately 26 acres on the side of Wantastiquet Mountain in Chesterfield during the month of May. Our statewide system of fire lookout towers is credited with keeping the fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2007 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local

fire department and the state’s Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2007 FIRE STATISTICS
(All fires reported as of November 8, 2007)

Causes of fires reported		Total Fires		Total Acres
Arson	5	2007	437	212
Debris	197	2006	500	473
Campfire	38	2005	546	174
Children	22	2004	482	147
Smoking	41	2003	374	100
Railroad	5			
Equipment	3			
Lightning	7	Misc*	119 (power lines, fireworks, electric fences etc)	

GENERAL ASSISTANCE AND SENIOR RESOURCES

2007

Our Committee for General Assistance and Senior Resources has completed its sixteenth year of volunteer services for the Town of Cornish. Each year we receive an increasing number of calls from residents requesting assistance with immediate or on-going needs. Thanks to our local Neighbor to Neighbor program, several state and local organizations, and the caring people of this town who willingly step up to the plate, we've been able to meet these needs with creatively and compassion.

Our Neighbor to Neighbor program and the monthly Senior Luncheon continue to provide valuable services to our elderly and/or disabled populations.

NEIGHBOR TO NEIGHBOR: A Cornish volunteer men's group organized to assist Seniors or people with a disability who need a hand with small projects such as changing a battery in a smoke detector, replacing a ceiling light bulb or planting a few tomato plants. Anyone in need or wishing to volunteer should call Henry Homeyer (543-1307), Jim Fitch (675-9391), or Connie Kousman (542-7107).

CORNISH SENIOR LUNCHEON: This popular Senior event is held on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 12 noon at the Masonic Hall in Cornish Flat. The luncheon provides an excellent opportunity to share a meal with friends, and serves as a forum to discuss local issues and keep up to date on programs and resources available to Senior residents.

The Senior Luncheon is funded by volunteer donations of \$2.50 per meal, and a generous grant from the Millar Fund. Special thanks to Nancy and Cheston Newbold and Jim Atkinson for additional support; to Cheshire Lodge #23 for allowing us to use their facilities rent-free; to Road Agent Dan Flynn, who plowed and sanded the driveway in time for our January meal; and to Mike Duval, who has volunteered to keep the driveway open and sanded on Luncheon days during the winter at no cost to our committee.

Our thanks and appreciation also to our staff of loyal and dedicated cooks, servers and dishwashers, many of whom have been with us since the luncheon began in 2000. Representative Carla Skinder, an advocate for elderly services, volunteers whenever possible, and responds to Senior issues and concerns.

A successful General Assistance Program is not just about a town budget. It's about Community. Our thanks to all of you who help us make it work.

Respectfully submitted,

Connie Kousman
Judith Kaufman
Martha Zoerheide
Anne Hier

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL

2007

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln, the information and assistance program Grafton County ServiceLink, and Retired and Senior Volunteer Program and Volunteer Center (RSVP). Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, congregate dining programs, transportation, adult day care, adult in-home care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2007, 14 older residents of Cornish were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Upper Valley Senior Center:

- Older adults from Cornish enjoyed 156 balanced meals in the company of friends in the senior dining room.
- Cornish residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 153 occasions by our lift-equipped buses or volunteers.
- Frail Cornish residents benefited from 336.5 hours of adult day care at the Upper Valley Senior Center, and 416 hours of care from our adult in-home care program, providing one on one companionship and assistance.
- Cornish citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 36 hours of volunteer service.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care.

They also contribute to a higher quality of life for our older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become more critical.

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council hopes that Cornish will consider providing support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and home.

Roberta Berner
Executive Director

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT 2007

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the people that elected me as Road Agent in 2007. I am running again this year and would appreciate your vote in 2008.

I would like to thank my highway crew for the great job they all have done in 2007. I feel it has been a good year.

We were able to rebuild two bridges and in doing so, we saved you, the tax payer, a lot of money. Other things that we did were to dig out the fire pond across from the Highway garage (with permit), moved a building at the Recycling Center and helped with the construction of the new building. We helped Mike Monette at the school with snow removal and other odds and ends; assisted the Fair Association with setup, watering roads, etc., and helped out with the new fire station in the Flat.

The crew replaced 62 road culverts throughout the Town. We replaced a large culvert near the church on Center Road and fixed the surrounding area, did ground work and paved behind the Town office to make the building handicapped accessible and shimmed one mile of pavement on Center Road.

These projects were completed along with the normal road maintenance – plowing and sanding, adding gravel to the roads in mud season, plus grading roads in spring, summer, and fall; cutting brush and trees that are down, blowing leaves, ditching roads, hauling in winter sand and keeping the equipment maintained and in working order.

Projects for 2008 include repairing the bank on Center Road by Ackerman's and fixing the bank on West Pass Road with baskets and rocks once the permits from the State are received. Six bridges also need to be repaired where water has washed out the footings and many guard rails need to be repaired throughout the Town.

Special thanks to Marge for her hard work this year. Thank you to everyone who dropped off goodies at the Highway garage during the year, and to the people that have donated money to the coffee funds at the Cornish General Store and 12% store. It was greatly appreciated by all the highway crew!

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Flynn
Road Agent

HISTORICAL SOCIETY

2007

A local component characterizes the topics for the Society's 2007 and 2008 meetings. In April, Judith Moyer from the University of New Hampshire gave us practical training in gathering local history and stories in a program sponsored by the NH Humanities Council. In May, Leo Maslan described the KUA Hydrology Project and its implications for Cornish's water resources in the Cornish Flat flood plain. June's meeting, Firefighters in the Civil War led by Lew Gage, reviewed the connection to New Hampshire of Colonel Elmer Ellsworth, who recruited the First Fire Zouaves before the initial shot at Fort Sumter in 1861 (another NH Humanities Council program). In September, Helen Lovell, Bernice Johnson, Judy and Dale Rook, among others, participated in a panel discussion of memories and anecdotes about Cornish' one-room school days. In October, Henry Duff, Curator of the St. Gaudens National Historic Site, presented and discussed the recently released documentary movie *Augustus Saint-Gaudens: Master of American Sculpture* by award winning filmmaker Paul Sanderson.

The topics for the Society's 2008 meetings range from the eighteenth century through the twenty-first. In April, Jay Barrett, an architect from Fairlee, Vt., will talk about the earliest settlers and settlements along the Connecticut River. In May, Richard Henderson, former president of the Lebanon Historical Society, will reveal the traces in the Upper Valley of an eighteenth-century stone carver pointing out what distinguishes this itinerant artists unique designs. In June, Dale Rook and friends will provide information about the Cornish Fire Department, "Then and Now", so we can appreciate the newly constructed building in the Flat.

During the year, we honored two of our long-serving and devoted members who have turned their duties over to others: Hannah Schad, who has meticulously served as Treasurer since the early days of the Society, and Bernice Johnson, whose detailed minutes as Secretary has amazed the membership for years.

Laird Klingler, who has worked tirelessly at setting up the exhibits in the Historical Center, inventoried the collection, completed countless

odd jobs and served briefly as Treasurer. Bill Caterino is now ably carrying out his financial responsibilities.

The Board has instituted a new policy. In June of every year, copies of the previous year's Treasurer and Secretary's Reports will be available for examination at the Historical Society Center on School Street. This building is open to all from 9 AM until Noon on the second Saturday every month. Drop by. Volunteers needed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Atkinson

GEORGE H.STOWELL FREE LIBRARY

2007

The library received two grants during 2007: \$500 from the James Tasker Covered Bridges Fund of the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation and \$1000 from the Margaret O. Cromwell Family Fund of the Baltimore Community Foundation. These additional funds allowed the library to branch out in new ways such as Michael Zerphy's family concert of clowning and fun on June 23rd. This program which coincided with the Summer Reading Program Kickoff was well attended and was enjoyed by all. As a result, 25 children signed up for the Summer Reading Program, the largest number in many years. Thank you to Park Grange 249 for providing a space for the performance. The grant money also enables the library, in 2008, to host three lecturers from the New Hampshire Humanities Council:

Wednesday, January 23rd – 7:00 PM – Diana Durham, independent scholar and author, will present "The Poet as Shaman – Why Poetry is Important".

Wednesday, March 26th – 7:00 PM – Katherine Hoffman, author and Chair of Fine Arts at St Anslem College will present "Bridging East and West: Islamic Art and Architecture".

Wednesday, May 14th – 7:00 PM – Clia Goodwin, independent scholar, will present "The Clash of the Ideal and the Real: The Arthurian Revival in New England".

Remaining funds from these grants will go towards supplies for the 2008 Summer Reading Program, and possibly, a summer performance for all ages.

The state inter-library loan system was well utilized by patrons. During 2007, 199 books were borrowed from libraries throughout the state, and Cornish loaned 78 books from its collection. This year, 2,465 people came to the town library; 3023 books (including audiobooks) were circulated; 603 movies were borrowed; 139 magazines were checked out; the copier was used 78 times, and the computer was used 108 times.

Besides circulating resources, the library continued to offer the public other enriching opportunities in 2007. On January 5, artist Jenny Wightman presented "Transforming Art Project: 245 Cans". On February 22nd, Don Rosenthal, renowned couple's counselor and coauthor of **Learning to Love: From Conflict to Lasting Harmony** spoke about his book and his work. Thanks to both Jenny and Don for volunteering their timer and expertise. During the 2006-2007 academic year, the Preschool Story Hour continued to occur at the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium, on Fridays, in conjunction with the Preschool Play Group, however, this has been discontinued. The Monthly Book Discussion Group still meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM. Participation has increased. The library provides participants copies of what is being read. Below is the schedule and book choice for the remainder of 2008:

March 5th – The Golden Compass/Doris Lessing

April 2nd – The Glass Castle/Janet Walls

May 7th – The Awakening/Kate Chopin

June 4th – Omnivore's Dilemma/Michael Pollan

July 2nd – Water for Elephants/Sara Gruen

August 6th – The Gathering/Anne Enright

September 3rd – Three Cups of Tea/Greg Mortenson

October 1st – Tale of a Female Nomad/Rita Golden Gelman

November 5th – Eat, Pray, Love/Elizabeth Gilbert

December 3rd – The Animal Dialogue/Craig Childs

The library could not function without its amazing and dedicated volunteers. Thank you to Cynthia Wilkie, Mary Beth Heiskell, Debbie Stone, Leigh Callahan, Sue Gagne, Kate Freeland, Richard and Kathy Scheuer, Nancy Wightman, Ginny Gage, Bette Blackington, Judith Kaufman, Jane Walter and the trustees; Kathi Patterson, Karen Woodbury, and Bernice Johnson. During 2007 the library acquired a large collection of Cornish Annual Reports from the estate of Arthur Hunt. Lois Fitts donated copies of every "Cornish Quarterly" ever printed. Thanks, also, to all the other wonderful people in the community who donated time, money and materials the library this past year.

See you at the Library!

Emily Cromwell, Librarian

MEALS ON WHEELS

2007

The Meals on Wheels (MOW) program delivered its first meal in Philadelphia in 1954. The program was modeled after a similar program that was started in England to support seniors during World War II. In 1972, the federal government made the program permanent through the implementation of the Older American's Act. The Act provided a basis for providing meals to seniors (60 years or older) or people with qualifying disabilities. As an integral part of the act, the framework for funding not only involved federal support but also monies from local sources. The general formula put forth by the grant is 75 to 80% garnered from federal sources, 15 to 20% to be raised from local support (counties and municipalities) with the balance derived through private donations. Obviously these are general guidelines but it points out that community participation and personal commitment are key elements.

Sullivan County Nutrition Services (SCNS) started its participation in MOW program in 1973 and operated out of a department store's basement in Newport. The initial program served 25 meals per day and had an initial operating budget of \$20,000. In 1980, the program established meal sites in Claremont and Charlestown to meet an ever growing need for service. 30 years later, we are serving over 100,000 per year with an operating budget of \$650,000. All but three communities in Sullivan County receive meal services through this program (Acworth, Plainfield and Langdon). We have not received any requests from these communities. Should there be a request we would make every accommodation to service the request.

SCNS requests each community that is being served to support the MOW program. Our request reflects the number of meals and individuals that have been served in your community during the past year and the historical trend that has been experienced. If your community is not served, no money is requested. If your community has few meals and few people being served historically, then it is conceivable that your requested support would be reduced. Should your community have an increase in meals served, a modest increase is often requested. The bottom line is we simply ask for support that is commensurate with the degree of service provided and seldom is

equal to the total cost of the service. Any difference is raised through private donations and is consistent with the funding formula that was put forth by the Older American's Act.

Sullivan County Nutrition Services is a part of the Newport Senior Center, a 501(c)3 organization. SCNS operates three congregate meal sites in Newport, Earl Bourdon Center (Claremont) and at the Town Office Complex in Charlestown. We have an annual independent audit performed each year and must comply with all aspects of the program grant guidelines. Oversight is provided by the State of NH, Department of Elder and Adult Services. We encourage communities to visit us and to discuss any questions they have about any aspect of the program. Thank you in advance for your support.

Brenda Burns
Executive Director

THE MEETINGHOUSE

2007

The Meetinghouse continues to provide meeting space for both the Cornish Historical Society and The Farmer's Market. The Historical Society uses the downstairs meeting area during their spring and fall meetings and The Farmer's Market uses the outdoor common area during the spring and summer. The Farmer's Market uses the inside meeting area during their November and December months. The Memorial Day service is celebrated on the Meetinghouse lawn every May.

This past spring, while getting ready to turn the furnace on for the Historical Society's spring meeting, it was noticed that there was no oil. On further investigation, it was realized that the outside oil tank had a leak and the oil had spilled onto the nearby ground. George Edson, a trustee, notified the Town of Cornish Selectboard immediately, as well as surrounding neighbors. The Selectboard notified the State of New Hampshire and have initiated a planned response. If any persons have any questions regarding the oil spill, please feel free to contact the Cornish Selectboard.

The Meetinghouse would also like again to thank Jim Smith for his faithful winding of the clock.

The Meetinghouse is open to any nonprofit Cornish organization or private person or organization. Please contact Caroline Storrs at 675-9376 for scheduling. A small fee is required for private persons and organizations.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Storrs, Chairperson
George Edson, Treasurer

Susan Chandler, Secretary
Jim Smith, Clockwinder

MT. ASCUTNEY REGION RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE

2007

This year the Mt. Ascutney Subcommittee completed a new and expanded water resources chapter of the *Connecticut River Management Plan*, focusing on the many environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and vegetated riparian buffers along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff.

The subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. We encourage towns to consider our *Plan* and to incorporate its recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances. We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo, the newly discovered invasive alga in the Connecticut River.

New members are needed. Citizens who wish to represent the town should contact the selectmen. The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. The public is welcome at our meetings on the second Tuesday evening of every other month at the Windsor Resource Center. A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan* and much more are on the web at www.crjc.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Sue Fitch and Jabez Hammond.

PLANNING BOARD

2007

Meeting the first and third Thursday of each month, the Cornish Planning Board held ten hearings on various applications in 2007. All were approved. All meetings and hearings are open to the public and Cornish residents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Cornish Master Plan Update, required by State law, is in early draft form. We hope to receive as much community input as possible on the update throughout the coming year. This spring, we will begin a series of meetings the first Thursday of the month to discuss the updated chapters and encourage input from the public. In coming weeks please, look for more information on the draft plan and Planning Board meetings focused on the Master Plan Update.

The Board is mindful of the need to review and where applicable, propose modifications to the Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances. In 2007, consideration was given to adding a Contractor's Yard provision to the Zoning Ordinance. After two public hearings in early 2008, it was clear that the Board's proposed language warranted significant changes. The Board will continue to review the need for a Contractor's Yard provision in the Zoning Ordinance and welcomes the public's suggestions.

2007 Actions

Annexation

Hier Development Group	East Road	<i>approved</i>
Stuart & Helen Hodgeman	Dodge Road	<i>approved</i>
Walter Wilson	Center Road	<i>approved</i>

Site Plan Review – Alteration of Approved Plan

Verizon Wireless	Town House Road	<i>approved</i>
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Subdivision – Major

Darryl & Christina Downing	Harrington Road	<i>approved</i>
Lynda Downing	Harrington Road	<i>approved</i>
James & Pamela Lukash	NH Route 120	<i>approved</i>
Charles Sullivan	East Road	<i>approved</i>

Voluntary Merger

Sandra & William Redlands-Poland East Road

approved

Other Hearings

PSNH – Application for tree cutting on Scenic Roads

approved

2007 Members

Bill Lipfert, Chair

Gail McKenzie

Peter Storrs

Cheston Newbold, Vice-Chair Troy Simino

Troy Simino

Larry Dingee, Alt.

Heidi Jaarsma, Secretary

Gwyn Gallagher, Alt

JimLittlefield, Alt

Merilynn Bourne, Selectwoman

POLICE DEPARTMENT

2007

Cornish Police Department had a busy year in 2007. During the course of these twelve months, we were faced with several violent incidents, including three assaults on police officers. Based on the increasing amount of violence we were encountering, we sought and received permission from the Board of Selectmen to purchase and carry a Taser Device. Chief Hackett, Officer Stevens and Officer Roberts all spent two days in training on the use of this device, and each officer was “tased” by a standard Taser Device and given a 5 second shock. It left all three of them with an appreciation for the power of this tool.

Cornish Police were involved in breaking up two large under age drinking parties in town again this year. The first one on January 1, 2007 resulted in 8 arrests, and was discovered by officers on patrol who found a 16 year old intoxicated male walking on the side of Route 12A at 12:30 in the morning. The second party was in June 2007 and resulted in 16 arrests. This party was called in by a concerned neighbor who smelled wood smoke, and noticed a large increase in traffic on a rural road. Calls like this can prevent a possible tragedy. I want to encourage all residents to report suspicious behavior.

And lastly, we have seen an increase in burglary activity, specifically on the Route 12A side of town. We have been successful in solving two of these burglaries and have already received a conviction on one of them. One burglary involved many hours of investigation and cooperation between the Windsor and Cornish Police Departments. The second burglary that was solved was only solved after an alert resident noticed a suspicious male subject around a house. Officers from Windsor, Plainfield and the NH State Police ended up catching up with a fleeing vehicle and solving this crime.

Please remain alert to unusual situations in your neighborhood and feel free to call the police department with this information, or email us at Cornish.Police@comcast.net.

Proudly serving,
Chief Douglas Hackett
Officer Paul Roberts

Officer Corey Stevens
Officer Gerald Beaudry

RECYCLING CENTER

2007

During this year we managed to make a few more improvements to the Recycling Center. One was to move a shed to a better location to be used for storage as well as a "swap shop". This allowed a much larger area for cars as well as swapping out the dumpsters.

In December, the lean-to was built over the dumpsters to help keep out snow and rain. We also put cement pads under the dumpsters to help keep them out of the mud. These improvements also help with the loading of the dumpsters.

I would like to use this space to thank Dan Flynn and his Highway crew for keeping the center plowed out and being there whenever I needed them. I would also like to thank Nate Cass and John McNamara for their equipment and help moving one of the sheds; Travis Wright who takes our trash; Rich Thompson and his crew for the cement work and building the shed over the dumpsters; Will Reed who volunteers and all you folks who bring coffee, cocoa, donuts, etc on cold weekends. You are great!

Following is a list of materials that we handled this past year at recycling along with revenues received:

Jeff's Trash	approximately 55 tons shipped out	
Mixed paper	approximately 55 tons	\$1,687.10
Mixed cans & plastic	20 tons	
Steel & other materials	11.72 tons.....	999.96
Glass – 10 truck loads take to Keene, no revenue		
Returnable bottles & cans	34,000.....	1,712.67
Composters (16) & kitchen pails sold.....		<u>488.00</u>
Total revenues returned to the general fund.....		\$4,887.73

Come visit us and see the improvements we have done. The Center is open every Saturday 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Dale Rook



Recycling Center improvements

REPORT FROM SENATOR BURLING

2007

I am so pleased to serve you as your State Senator, and I write to report from the New Hampshire Senate on important state issues affecting you, as residents of Cornish.

Last session, I concentrated on several key issues important to the citizens of New Hampshire: among them were helping New Hampshire's working families by increasing the minimum wage; protecting New Hampshire citizens' health by implementing a smoking ban in restaurants and bars, increasing access to health care by supporting expanded eligibility to health insurance, protecting New Hampshire's special places and open spaces by increasing funding of the Land and Heritage Investment Program, adopting foreclosure protections for consumers, and reducing the high school dropout rate by ensuring attendance to age 18.

Below is a detailed account of the 2007 state aid for Cornish:

Type of Aid	Amount
Special Education	\$ 53,774
Adequate Education	\$ 1,027,229
Retirement Contribution – Teachers	\$ 12,000
Railroad Tax	\$ 902
Meals & Rooms Distribution	\$ 66,376
Revenue Sharing	\$ 24,957
Highway Block Grant	\$ 97,222
TOTAL	\$ 1,282,461

As a member of Senate Public and Municipal Affairs Committee, Transportation and Interstate Cooperation Committee, and Chairman of both Election Law and Internal Affairs Committee, and the Executive Departments and Administration Committee, I will be very busy. I would be happy to hear from you on any issues of concern you may have. This session, I will continue to concentrate on issues important to the citizens of New Hampshire: costing an adequate education, implementing kindergarten in the communities that don't yet offer it, strengthening our laws to improve internet safety for our

children, protecting the future of the New Hampshire Retirement System and revisiting highway funding and our statewide highway infrastructure. I have also been elected chair of the newly formed New Hampshire Rail Transit Authority which is committed to beginning the process of ensuring commuter rail to connect Boston to Nashua to Manchester with the hopes of extending it further.

If you wish to contact me about these or any other matters please call me at (603) 271-2642, or e-mail me at peter.burling@leg.state.nh.us.

Peter H. Burling

CORNISH RESCUE SQUAD

2007

Members of the Cornish Rescue Squad with the support of the communities continue to answer calls 24/7. Our members are certified NH licensed First Responders, EMT B's, EMT I's and Paramedics. Why do we get up in the middle of the night? Go out in the cold? Leave dinners on the table? Because our neighbors called for help, that's why.

Our call volume for 2007 remained about the same as 2006. The trend for calls also mirrored 2006 with several calls in a row, followed by few or no calls for a period of time. Our calls varied from MV crashes to medical calls to supporting local fire departments at fire scenes.

The financial support we receive annually from the towns of Plainfield and Cornish continues to cover the cost of operations and dispatching. We were notified by Windsor Dispatch center in December that they will no longer be providing dispatch services for area departments. We are working with the members of the Repeater Association to move to another dispatch center that will best fit our needs.

Once again, your generous donations given during our recent fund drive have allowed us to upgrade equipment, purchase protective clothing for our members, supplies, and provide funds for training. As always, we are most appreciative of your support.

As my first year as President comes to an end, I thank the officers and trustees for their support. Rob Drye, Vice President; Fred Schad, Treasurer; Paul Merchant, Secretary and Trustees, Steve Jameson and Jeff Katchen. Their help has been most valuable, in learning the "ropes", and moving our Squad forward. I also thank all members for volunteering their time to respond to calls, continue with training, etc...

We encourage residents to make their 911 house number visible from the road. Placing it on a mailbox, or on the front of the house makes it easier to find you in case of an emergency.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding health concerns at your house, placing 911 numbers or, if you have an interest in joining our Squad. You can reach us by calling 675-2221.

Sincerely,

Dale H. Lawrence
President

SAINT GAUDENS NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

2007

I am pleased to provide this report highlighting some of the activities of the park. It has been a busy and productive year.

In 2007, we commemorated the centennial of the death of Augustus Saint-Gaudens (1848-1907). In collaboration with the Saint-Gaudens Memorial, the nonprofit partner to the park, we produced a new documentary film about the sculptor, directed by Paul Sanderson, of Our Town Films, Inc. The film premiered on July 13th as part of a day-long program in partnership with Dartmouth College. Rauner Library Special Collections hosted a morning open house of the Saint-Gaudens and Cornish Colony archives. This was followed by an afternoon Saint-Gaudens symposium at the Hood Museum of Art's Loew Auditorium that was standing room only with four excellent speakers. The evening premiere of the film was at the Hopkins Center for the Arts and was attended by over 900.

After its local premiere, the film was shown at the Smithsonian American Art Museum on September 7th, the Metropolitan Museum of Art on September 23rd, and at the Philadelphia Museum of Art on September 30th. All of these venues enjoyed excellent attendance. Upcoming in 2008, the film will be shown at the Art Institute of Chicago on March 8th and at the International Festival of Films on Art in Montreal (March 6-16). New Hampshire Public Television will air the film in May 2008, and we have also submitted the film to PBS for national broadcast consideration.

Another exciting development in 2007 was an action taken not by the park, but by our neighbors, Mrs. Grace Bulkeley and her two sons Bob and Will. Through their generosity, 773 acres of land abutting the Saint-Gaudens NHS was protected through a donated conservation easement to the Society for the Protection of New Hampshire Forests. Their action ensures the long-term protection of this part of Dingleton Hill, which at one time, was owned by Charles Beaman. Beaman was responsible for bringing Augustus Saint-Gaudens and many others to Cornish, indirectly establishing what would become known as the "Cornish Colony." The land which now comprises the national historic site as well as the Blow-Me-Down Farm and Mill, was also owned by Beaman.

The Saint-Gaudens Memorial continues to work with the park on the future of Blow-Me-Down Farm. At this time, the Memorial is planning for a small 5-acre subdivision at the north end of the property to be sold as one residential lot. This proposed action will result in proceeds from sale to the Memorial and a residential lot that will become part of the property tax base for the Town of Cornish. It is anticipated that in the future, the remainder of the Blow-Me-Down Farm will become part of the historic site. The Memorial and the park view this plan as a “win-win-win” for the park, the Memorial, and the Town of Cornish.

After a number of delays, the park has finally awarded a contract for \$286,500 to Lumus Construction, Woburn, Mass. for the repair of the historic stone arch bridge located just south of the Blow-Me-Down Mill and dam. The repairs will include rebuilding the stone wall, parapet, and a large portion of the adjacent retaining wall, as well as much of the brickwork on the underside of the stone arch. When completed, the north side of the bridge will be restored to its original appearance. The south side of the bridge was covered in the late 1950s when the State of New Hampshire realigned Route 12A. Lumus Construction plans to sub-contract the bulk of the job to Fielder & Callahan, a company locally based in Claremont, N.H. The funds come from National Park Service repair/rehabilitation grant funding. Work will commence in spring 2008. Originally to be a wooden bridge over Blow-Me-Down Brook, Charles Beaman arranged with the Town of Cornish for the stone arch bridge to be built instead, with Beaman paying the difference in cost. The bridge was completed in 1888 and his adjacent mill in 1891.

Additional 2007 projects included \$70,000 of upgrades to the park's security systems, replacement of a 15 year-old phone/voice mail system, and the purchase of a new Ford Escape Hybrid vehicle which replaced a failing passenger van that had well over 100,000 miles. In 2008, the Saint-Gaudens Memorial will be replacing the roof over the Farragut Monument with a new skylight system allowing for improved viewing of the sculpture in natural light.

Our traveling exhibition *Augustus Saint-Gaudens: American Sculptor of the Gilded Age* was seen at its last scheduled venue - the Flagler Museum in West Palm Beach, FL from January to April 2007. This year the park collaborated with the American Numismatic Society on an exhibition commemorating the centennial of Saint-Gaudens ten and twenty dollar gold coins on view at the New York Federal Reserve Bank museum, 33 Liberty Street, NYC, through March 31, 2008.

In 2007, the park's visitation was up 12.5% to just over 29,000 (the figure I reported here last year was in error, 2006 visitation was 25,858). Sales in our museum shop were up an impressive 38% which we attribute to both increased visitation and an increase in the diversity of sales items. The 2007 annual operating budget for the park was \$1,198,000 including a \$150,000 increase in funding over 2006. Saint-Gaudens NHS was one of 48 national park areas which received an operating increase to its budget as part of the 10-year, 2016 Centennial Initiative when the National Park Service will celebrate its 100th birthday.

Many thanks, to those who serve in the town police, rescue squad, and fire departments for responses to park alarms. Their dedication is appreciated. I ask anyone with questions or concerns, suggestions or ideas about the park and/or the Blow-Me-Down Farm to please contact me at (603) 675-2175 x143 or by email at BJ_Dunn@nps.gov.

Respectfully submitted,
BJ Dunn
Superintendent

SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE

2007

In the late 1970's, the Town of Cornish voted at town meeting to get out of the rubbish disposal business. The old town dump was closed and it was voted that each household would be responsible for contracting their rubbish pick-up or they could take their rubbish to the Claremont Transfer Station.

A group of dedicated volunteers built and operated a recycling center on the site of the old town landfill in 1977. This recycling center was run by volunteers until 2000, when responsibility for its operation was assumed by the town highway department.

For the past 20 years, the Town of Cornish has belonged to the Sullivan County Regional Refuse Disposal District. This district was part of a bi-state waste project which contracted to deliver all waste collected from district members to the Wheelabrator Waste-to-Energy Incinerator. This contract with Wheelabrator expired on June 30, 2007 and the bi-state waste project has disbanded.

Cornish and the other towns in Sullivan County have been working with area groups and towns to study alternatives to disposable. Cornish has expanded the hours and types of services at the town recycling center. Cornish has also been an active member of the groups seeking other methods to divert as much waste from disposal as possible.

During the March, 2006 Town Meeting, the residents of the Town of Cornish authorized the town selectmen to form a study committee to explore all methods of economical and environmentally sound waste management practices. This includes recycling, composting, reuse, hazardous waste collection and disposal.

During the past year the committee has worked to oversee changes at the Recycling Center—this includes the expansion of operating hours to 9AM to 2 PM every Saturday; the ongoing collection of rubbish and other non-useable items for a fee by Jeff's Rubbish on each Saturday; the moving of buildings and the covering of the containers; and the opening of a reuse center for items you don't need, but are

still reusable. These changes provide further opportunity for residents to further reduce the materials they currently throw into the garbage. The committee urges the county delegation and state legislatures to work to find a county-wide integrated waste management system which emphasizes recycling, composting, and waste reduction over disposal. We urge private haulers, businesses, and residents to work jointly to develop a cost effective and environmentally sound waste management system resulting in a secure future and cleaner environment. The committee urges all haulers to offer curbside recycling and to charge their customers by the quantity disposed as opposed to charging a flat monthly volume. This method will encourage recycling not disposal.

Solid Waste Committee

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY SERVICES
2007

All of us at Southwestern Community Services would like to extend a huge “thank you” to the citizens of Cornish for the courteous cooperation which we have always received, as well as for the continued financial support.

Through the generosity of communities like Cornish, SCS is now able to offer access to most of our programs through a site in Newport which is much more convenient to those residing outside the greater Claremont area. During 2007 alone, with your help, we have delivered services to 151 Cornish families, consisting of 253 citizens who were found to be in need. The value of these efforts totaled \$65,484.

We look forward to working with Cornish residents and their elected officials as we continue to deliver services in the fields of energy, housing, nutrition, education, mediation, and health during the coming years.

Sincerely,
David W. Osgood

SPIRIT COMMITTEE

2007

The Spirit Committee has identified the new Cornish Firehouse in the Flat as its project for this year. The project is to paint the trim of the new fire station. The project also hopes to help with the landscaping around the station.

The Spirit Committee has a proud tradition of supporting different projects throughout the town and school. We will be looking for volunteers to sign up on Town Meeting Day so show your spirit, and join us at the Flat for a fun day of work, talk, and great doughnuts!

We welcome anyone who would like to join the committee so please speak to either Colleen O'Neill or Caroline Storrs.

Respectfully submitted,
Caroline Storrs

SULLIVAN COUNTY HOSPICE

2007

Sullivan Count Hospice has been in existence since 1984. We are a volunteer agency, governed by a 12 member Board of Directors, all of whom reside in Sullivan County.

Our mission is to provide practical and emotional support to terminally ill patients and their families within Sullivan County. The majority of the individuals we serve are home hospice patients, who have decided to remain at home under the care of their families. It is in this setting that we provide most of our services. However, we have the flexibility to follow and serve our patents and their families in a hospital or nursing home setting, as well. Our volunteers are fully trained in areas such as death and dying, the grieving process, active listening and universal precautions. A few of the ways our volunteers provide practical support include respite for caregivers, running errands and light meal preparation. Our volunteers also provide emotional support to both the patient and their family, by being available to listen and offer reassurance and encouragement.

Our referrals come from doctors, nurses, visiting nurse associations, discharge planners, as well as from family members or patients themselves. Our only requirement for service are that the patient be terminally ill and that reside in Sullivan County. We accept all referrals on that basis and there is never a charge for our service.

In addition to providing volunteer services, Sullivan County Hospice offers a bereavement support group. This group is scheduled for six sessions a year, each lasting a period of five weeks. These groups are open to anyone working through the grieving process.

We hope that you will continue to support our work as we continue our efforts to support the terminally ill and their families in Sullivan County.

Respectfully submitted,

Annie Alcorn
Director

**SULLIVAN COUNTY REGIONAL REFUSE DISPOSAL
(SCRRDD)
2007**

At the 2007 Cornish Town Meeting, residents voted to withdraw from the District and to dissolve the District. One District town took no action (by mistake) thus halting dissolution until after the 2008 Town Meeting in that one town.

Dissolution has also been stalled by a lawsuit brought against the City of Claremont by the District over property taxes the District pays on the Wheelabrator trash incinerator. The District's attorney who recommended suing Claremont has been paid \$180,000 as of mid-January 2008.

Since our Town Meeting vote and the end, in July, of the District's 20 year contract with Wheelabrator, Cornish and other Sullivan County towns have been studying and putting into action, waste reduction plans.

An interesting fact is that of the 29 area towns whose 20 year contract with Wheelabrator expired in July 2007, not a single one of these towns signed another new contract with Wheelabrator.

A new, publicly owned landfill in Hartland is expected to open in 2009. This could provide Cornish with a disposal site for our non-recyclables.

Respectfully submitted,
William E. Gallagher
District Representative

Tim Shad
Alternate

SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST 2007

The year 2007 was another busy year with much time spent on updating ElectionNet, the statewide voter registration system all town and cities currently use.

The program is a continuing learning process, and requires many more meetings than the way registrations were handled previous to the new system.

Much time has been spent on duplicate voter registrations, where we have had to contact a large number of towns to either realize voters are still in our community or theirs, and if the names belong to the same voter. This means checking names, which include full middle names, (which we do not always have) birth dates, where a person was born etc.

Posting and publishing meetings as required by law for all public meetings, notifying other town in several states when voters move to Cornish, as well as making corrections and additions are ongoing duties to keep the statewide list as near correct as possible.

As well as necessary meetings held during January and February for School District and Town meetings a great deal of effort was spend readying for the early Presidential Primary.

We would like to thank the people who have made out new registration forms allowing us to update necessary information, but we still have nearly 400 voters we do not have the correct information on.

A list of those names has been posted at the Town Office and the supervisors urge residents to either re-register with the Town Clerk or with the Supervisors at the upcoming School District or Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Ruth Rollins, Chairman
Leland Atwood
Robin Monette

UPPER VALLEY HAZARDOUS WASTE COMMITTEE 2007

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee is a volunteer organization whose purpose is to reduce harm to the environment and human health caused by the use and improper disposal of household hazardous waste. The Committee goals are:

- Educate the public to the dangers of hazardous waste.
- Encourage the use of less hazardous products in the home.
- Promote proper disposal of household hazardous waste.
- Support local agencies which reflect/promote our mission.

During 2007 the Committee initiated a program to reduce the use of toxic products in lawn and garden care, hosted booths at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition and at the Mascoma Health Initiative, provided volunteers for household hazardous waste collections and continued to maintain a regional website.

Toxicity Reduction Program would educate on environmentally safe lawn and garden care through an article in town newsletters or an insert in utility bills. Towns have been contacted and the information will go out winter and spring of 2008. A bookmark size summary of this information was distributed at collections.

Event Booths The Household Hazardous Waste Committee's booth at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition again focused on non-toxic lawn and garden care and also supplied information on hazardous waste disposal and alternative cleaning recipes. The booth at the Mascoma Health Initiative in Canaan consisted of similar displays and information and gave us exposure in another area of the Upper Valley.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support The committee provided volunteer support at the Lebanon collections, keeping waiting times short and residents informed. In New Hampshire 1,575 households brought in 2,400 lbs of waste to collections in Lebanon, Newport, and Sunapee. In Vermont 1,115 households contributed 10,055 gallons of waste. Collections were held in Hartford, Woodstock, Thetford, Vershire, W. Fairlee, Bridgewater, Pomfret, Norwich, Sharon and Strafford.

Website www.uvhhw.org provides detailed information about:

When and where this year's collections will be held and who may attend.

What you can and cannot bring.

Less toxic recipes for cleaning solutions.

Links to other regional authorities.

Funding A generous grant from the Dorothy Byrne Foundation is supporting our educational work.

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee is made up of volunteers from Upper Valley towns. We invite anyone interested to attend our meetings and become involved. For more information please call 603-448-1680.

UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION 2007

Through UVLSRPC membership, the 27 cities and towns of the Upper Valley, Sullivan County and Lake Sunapee area strive to ensure that the growth of the Region does not lower our quality of life, and that it enhances rather than threatens our healthy economy. Regional planning provides a mechanism for communities that live and work together to collaborate on issues of common concern, such as transportation, emergency preparedness, economic development, housing and resource protection. Your community's active participation in UVLSRPC provides you with a voice in regional activities, as well as in decision making at the state level that affects the future of your community.

Here is a summary of our work during the past year:

- Completed Phase I of the Route 120 Corridor Management Plan in Hanover and Lebanon, and began transit plans with Community Transportation Services in Sullivan County and Advance Transit in Grafton County.
- Continued to participate and facilitate the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) developed for Sullivan County to increase eligibility for federal funding for economic development and infrastructure improvements.
- Partnered with Lake Sunapee Protective Association and Sunapee Area Watershed Coalition to help communities collaborate on watershed management planning.
- Promoted our Region's priorities for federal and state transportation funding including Transportation Enhancement (TE) Grants. Served on NH Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality Advisory Committee.
- Participated in work group studying sprawl in NH and effectiveness of state smart growth policies with NH Association of Regional Planning Commission's Legislative Policy Committee, NH GIS Advisory

Committee, and Mt. Sunapee Ski Area Advisory Committee.

- Co-wrote innovative zoning guidebook NHDES and NHARPC.
- Began updating the Land Use Chapter of the Regional Plan.
- Assisted Connecticut River joint Commissions with update of corridor management plan.
- Participated in Sullivan County Community Mobility Project to begin identifying and addressing unmet transportation needs.
- Organized 4 hazardous waste collections in which over 1,100 households participated to keep approximately 11,000 gallons of hazardous chemicals out of the Region's groundwater.
- Organized, facilitated and participated in a panel discussion for local officials regarding solid waste disposal issues in Sullivan County.
- Assisted 7 communities with updates of local master plans, 2 with zoning amendments, 1 with Natural Resource Inventory, 1 with starting a capital improvement program and 3 with other regulations.

We appreciate the high level of participation and support we receive from our communities, and look forward to continuing to serve the needs of the Region in addressing the issues above and others that arise in the future.

Please feel free to contact us at 603-448-1680 to share your thoughts.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Walker

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH
*Home Healthcare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in
the Town of Cornish*

The VNA & Hospice is a not-for-profit organization providing home healthcare, hospice, and maternal child health services for over 100 years. Recognizing the importance of caring for people in the comfort of their home, our services are provided to all in need, regardless of ability to pay. Last year, the VNA & Hospice provided over 1.9 million dollars in uncompensated care to individuals. The VNA & Hospice, like the local EMS, police and fire departments, is a vital part of the community's safety net. Town funding is only intended to be a "contribution" towards the full cost of services provided to residents.

Supporting home healthcare is a way to control other town expenses. By keeping Cornish residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals and by reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical costs. VNA & Hospice nurses provide health education, local clinics, and comprehensive compassionate care, from before birth through the end of life.

Services provided between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2007:

Home HealthcareMaternal and Child Health Services

Residents Served:	16	Residents Served:	0
Home Visits:	176	Home Visits:	0
Hours of Service:	163.07	Hours of Service:	0

Hospice Services

Residents Served:	5
Home Visits:	324
Hours of Service:	320.28

Long Term Care

Residents Served:	0
Home Visits:	0
Hours of Service:	0

On behalf of the people we serve in your community, thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,
Mark Hamilton
Interim President and CEO

VOLUNTEERS IN ACTION

2007

Volunteers in Action bring together caring volunteers of all ages with neighbors in need of a helping hand in Cornish and in adjacent towns in the Mt. Ascutney area.

Fourteen Cornish volunteers gave over 800 hours of volunteer time to their neighbors and community in 2007. ViA utilized 152 volunteers who live in the Mt. Ascutney area, providing over 17,090 hours of service this past year. Three Cornish residents serve on the Volunteers in Action Advisory Council.

Neighbor-to-neighbor services to Cornish residents include transportation; help with chores, friendly visiting, telephone check-in, short term respite for caregivers, life-line installation and recipients of donated knitted items. Volunteers in Action also provide community outreach programs including a knitting group and a walking group.

Transportation is a personal door to door service, with the volunteer waiting for the person during their appointment, shopping, or wherever they are. Requests for help come through the visiting nurses, Mt. Ascutney Hospital and Health center, individuals, neighbors, family and friends.

We appreciate the support of the Selectmen and the voters of Cornish in the past. Your support is essential to the continuation of these essential services. ViA is affiliated with Mt. Ascutney Hospital & Health Center. The Hospital provides partial funding to Volunteers in Action to cover a portion of our budget. ViA relies on town funds, grants, local fundraising and donations from churches and individuals to support our ongoing services.

To request service or to consider volunteering, please call Jannice Ellen and Susan Weld at 802-674-5971. Our office is centrally located in the Windsor House across from the Windsor Post Office. We welcome your inquiries.

Jannice Ellen and Susan Weld
Program Coordinators

WEBSITE

The town web site - www.cornishnh.net - continues to attract more viewers in 2007, since being launched on June 4, 2006 when 3,059 site visits occurred. In September 2007, visits were 9,918.

Historically, the most viewers have been in the summer and in August (2007) with 13,737. The least number of viewers are in the winter and in November (2006), 5,477.

Top ten entry pages (pages viewers visit first) in September 2007 were the home (index) page, community connections (news), offices, boards, map, conservation commission, planning board, links, school, historic. Viewers continue to make the most visits through clickable images. This means that entry pages were found by clicking on web site images, such as the Cornish town sign on the home (index) page that takes viewers to the community connections page.

The September 2007 top ten referrers (the way viewers reached the site) came from the site's URL (web address), direct request, the site's URL's for news, office, boards, google searches, and the site's URL's for links, map, index and news. Other referrers include msn.com, yahoo.com, ask.com, and searches with whois, earthlink, netscape and comcast.

The top ten search strings (words viewers used to search for the site) all had the word Cornish in them. They were cornish nh, cornishnh, town of cornish nh, cornish n.h, cornish nh artist, cornish nh historical society, cornish nh town of, cornish, map of cornish nh and cornish fair.

While most viewers came from the US, there were also viewers from (in order of most to least) Canada (38), Italy, United Kingdom, France, Austria, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Mexico, Seychelles, Sweden, Australia, Portugal and Japan (1). There were 77 viewers from the US military and 238 in the educational category.

The web site continues to adhere to its roots – providing a town informational resource and encouraging others to share their news by e-mailing Town Offices at townbos@comcast.net to add their news to the Community Connections page, calendar, and/or recipes page. They may also contact me – jcschoeler@comcast.net – with web site suggestions or comments.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet Schoeler

WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

2007

In 2007, West Central Behavioral Health received an appropriation of \$1,785 from the Town of Cornish. We are grateful for this appropriation that enabled us to provide \$32,038 of free or reduced cost mental and behavioral health services to residents of Cornish who are uninsured or underinsured. We are committed to making quality mental health services available regardless of ability to pay to all communities in our service area, and are asking the cities and towns we serve to help us sustain that commitment to many of our most vulnerable neighbors.

West Central Behavioral Health is the NH designated Community Mental Health Center for Cornish, as well as Sullivan and Southern Grafton Counties. Our mission is: “to promote, preserve, and strengthen the mental health and quality of life for individuals and their communities through the delivery of integrated, comprehensive services.” Our consumers suffer from a range of disorders and illnesses: life threatening severe, chronic mental illness such as psychosis, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder; all forms of addiction; as well as anxiety, depression, divorce or relationship related stress, and other impairing, but highly treatable, conditions. We work with all ages in our outpatients clinics, homes, jails, nursing homes, schools, and residential supported living programs, offering a broad variety of counseling, psychiatric services, case management, and emergency consultations.

Some of the services provided to residents of Cornish this year include:

- 13 children and their families received 111 therapy sessions at our outpatient clinics in Newport, Lebanon, and Claremont.
- 32 adult residents received 162 sessions of outpatient counseling for depression, anxiety, addictions, family issues, and other critical issues.
- 16 residents contacted our emergency services, available 24 hours, 7 days a week.
- 17 residents received 284 sessions of other services such as case management, child respite services and vocational supports.

Sincerely,
Ronald J. Michaud

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT 2007

The Zoning Board of Adjustment had a quiet 2007 year. The Zoning Board heard a total of five cases: Three cases were for special exceptions and two cases involved variances.

The requests for special exceptions involved a request for an apartment and another for a daycare facility and both were approved. There was one request for an addition to a nonconforming garage. The request was approved. There were two requests for a variance; two involving a building located closer than the 100 foot minimum. Both requests were approved.

The Zoning Board meets at 7:30 PM on the first Monday of each month at the Town Office building unless no hearings have been warned and no new business has been brought to the Board.

Karim Chichakly, Chairperson
Caroline Storrs, Vice Chairperson, Clerk
Bruce Tracy
Jim Brown
Jason Bourne
Dale Rook (alternate)
Bill Balch (alternate)
Scott Baker (alternate)

MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNISH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2007

DATE	GROOM'S NAME	RESIDENCE	BRIDES NAME	RESIDENCE
01/12/07	Companion, Christopher	Cornish, NH	Patterson, Kimberly	Cornish, NH
05/26/07	Brasseur, Jonathon P	Cornish, NH	Rogers, Heather E	Cornish, NH
05/26/07	Chilton, Christopher	Cornish, NH	Corrigan, Christal M	Cornish, NH
06/23/07	Rook, Nathan	Cornish, NH	Marchand, Shea M	Windsor, VT
07/07/07	Holmes, Ronald	Cornish, NH	Travis, Tracy A	Cornish, NH
07/07/07	Adams, Richard	Cornish, NH	Conley, Hannah M	Brownsville, Vt
08/11/07	Henderson, Lucas J	Cornish, NH	Whyman, Katrina	Cornish, NH
08/16/07	Simino, Wayne	Cornish, NH	Goodrich, Heidi A	Cornish, NH
09/08/07	Cantara, David	Cornish, NH	Bean, Stacey M	Cornish, NH
09/22/07	Sullivan, Charles J	Cornish, NH	Willett, Mandy D	Claremont, NH
10/27/07	Weed, Zachary R	Cornish, NH	Williams, Amy R	Lebanon, NH

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNISH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2007

CHILD'S NAME	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
Santolucito, Sean Michael	01/18/07	Claremont, NH	Santolucito, David	Lamoureux, Tonya
Labore, Elinor Mary-Rose Alves	02/02/07	Lebanon, NH	Labore, Kevin	Alves-Labore, Stacy
Belisle, Connor Thomas	03/31/07	Lebanon, NH	Belisle, Eric	Belisle, Tonya
Mather, Ezra, Jonathan	05/15/07	Lebanon, NH	Mather, Jonathan	Marher, Lara
Rogers, Conor Aidan	06/01/07	Lebanon, NH	Rogers, Benjamin	Rogers, Emily
Howard, Grace Abigail	07/14/07	Concord, NH	Howard, Gabriel	Howard, Katia
Boynton, Jared Kendall	08/04/07	Lebanon, NH	Boynton, David	Boynton, Nichole
Simino, Emma Catherine	08/17/07	Lebanon, NH	Simino, Wayne	Goodrich, Heidi
Betourney, Cameron Mikel	08/24/07	Lebanon, NH	Betourney, Jason	Kimball, Trisha
Newton, Audrey Stephanie	11/27/07	Lebanon, NH	Newton, Charles	Newton, Holly
Royce, Wyatt Tyson	12/02/07	Claremont, NH	Royce, Tyson	Royce, Heather
Daniels, Mackenzie Lee	12/05/07	Claremont, NH	Daniels, Nathan	Rawson, Melissa

DEATHS AND BURIALS REGISTERED IN THE TOWN OF CORNISH
FOR THE YEAR ENDING
DECEMBER 31, 2007

DATE OF DEATH	PLACE OF DEATH	NAME OF DECEASED	NAME OF FATHER	NAME OF MOTHER
01/23/07	N. Sutton, NH	Gorney, Eleanor B		
02/01/07	Cornish, NH	Davison, William	Davison, Wilburt	Scudder, Atala
02/06/07	Cornish, NH	Bouchard, Mary	Luce, George	Royce, Nina
03/04/07	Cornish, NH	Shambo, Lorraine	Merrill, Hiram	Whyman, Ruth
03/17/07	Cornish, NH	Burke, Valerie	Clark, Joseph	Martocci, Genevieve
04/16/07	Claremont, NH	Kenyon, Margaret		
06/18/07	Claremont, NH	Laurie Sr., Lucian C		
06/21/07	Lebanon, NH	Yatsevitch, Michael	Yatsevitch, Michael	Thomas, Margaret
07/28/07	Claremont, NH	Dole, William	Dole, Arthur	Newell, Mildred
07/28/07	Hanover, NH	Rock, John	Rock, John	Randall, Sarah
09/15/07	Claremont, NH	LaClair, Cecil	LaClair, Arthur	West, Esther

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Cornish School District

March 2008

Officers of the School District

Clerk	Kathryn Patterson
Treasurer	Kim Patterson
Moderator	Ray Evans

School Board Members

Susan Borchert	Term Expires 2008
Theresa Scott	Term Expires 2008
Dr. William Palmer	Term Expires 2009
Carol Rennie	Term Expires 2009
Vacant	Term Expires 2010

Auditors
Plodzik & Sanderson

2008 Annual Report of the School Board

Cornish School Board Goals

- 1) To improve student achievement
- 2) To build a more respectful, cooperative, and safe learning environment.
- 3) To increase academic rigor.

The School's Water Supply

The old well was repaired and the new filtration system was installed. The water quality testing has so far been good with no problems noted. The town also voted in March to have a test well drilled to see if there is another water supply available on the school grounds. The initial estimates have come in well above the \$7500 allocated at the March meeting and the board is, at the time of this writing, waiting for clarification of these bids and will bring a recommendation forward as soon as the information is available.

Citizens' Forum

On November 27, 2007 the board sponsored a forum at the school gym. A number of issues were considered including whether to consider all-day kindergarten, how best to support the school's behavioral initiative, how to support high academic standards and achievement and how to engage the community more in knowing about and supporting our school.

The attendees generally felt that the current half-day kindergarten with the after kinder care program was quite effective and that adding 15-30 minutes to the current kindergarten day should be considered. They supported having more aides in the classroom to support both the behavioral initiative and differentiated academic teaching. The use of differentiated instruction and professional development was considered important as well. The fidelity of the curriculum and high academic standards were also supported. A newcomer's welcome group was suggested as a way to get people new to town involved. Copies of the summary of the recommendations will be available at the school, the SAU office and on the website.

In the Principal's report you will see that several of these issues are being addressed through the school behavior initiative, the new Everyday Math program, and the changes in testing directed at following the individual child's progress and needs.

School Funding

The State of New Hampshire is still working on the details of funding an adequate education as demanded by the State Supreme Court. The initial figure of, roughly, \$3400 does not come close to the per pupil cost in Cornish or any other town. This year our tax rate will increase by a higher percentage than our school budget no matter what the final amount voted by the town in March. This is because, this year, the State will give us no increase in funding and we have less revenue from other sources. In other words, if our school budget did not increase at all we would still see an increase in the local tax rate. We have and will continue to ask the SAU

administration, school principal and staff to minimize any increase in spending. The board has written our legislators and the governor to be responsible in their approach to school funding as well.

Thanks

The board would like to thank the principal, staff and SAU for their extraordinary efforts this year in implementing a new behavioral intervention program, a new math program, and continuing to implement a comprehensive testing program.

As board chair I would like to recognize and thank Susan Borchert for nine years of thoughtful and dedicated service to the board and school community. Susan was also instrumental in obtaining the grant that allowed Cornish to establish a comprehensive language program. Terrie Scott is also completing twelve years on the board, many of them as the board chair. Terrie also worked hard at the New Hampshire School Board Association and served as its President for a term. In this capacity she brought many of Cornish's concerns to the state level and also brought significant expertise back to the town. They will be missed and hard to replace.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Cornish School Board.

William Palmer



A group of first grade students explore for living things outdoors during a lesson with the Four Winds Environmental Education program.

A LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

February 2008

Dear Parents and Community Members:

As we have done in the past, we have included the "Impact Sheet" for this school year. You can see what each of the three districts in SAU #6 is working on through its own goals and by using some common tools and strategies, as well as unique features to each district.

The state's annual assessment program, the NECAP, has now been completed through three testing sessions. We just received the results in the last week in January 2008 from the fall 2007 assessments. Having been through the testing three times now, Cornish staff are able to help Cornish students know better how to "take" the test. Cornish staff have worked to align the Cornish curriculum and the state curriculum standards known as GLEs (Grade Level Expectations) and GSEs (Grade Span Expectations).

You can read the state curriculum frameworks, on which our students are assessed through the NECAPs, in their entirety at the Department of Education's website:

<http://www.ed.state.nh.us/education/doe/organization/curriculum/NECAP/GLEs.htm>

Our first look at the Fall 2007 results are puzzling. The results will be matched to results achieved in the classrooms, on the MAP results (Measures of Academic Progress), and DIBLES results, as well as other assessments, such as the ones used in Special Education, to see what correlations there are for us to learn from to benefit our students. This school year the Department of Education is unveiling a new web-based tool that will load all of our results into one database and disaggregate results by school, grade, class, and student year to year. This should provide important data to help us answer the many questions we have such as where our curriculum and instruction are strong and where they need "beefing up".

Cornish students showed an uneven trajectory of improvement. Last year Cornish students met or exceeded the state's average of proficient students (achieved at Level 3 or Level 4) in 5 areas. This year Cornish met or exceeded the state's average in 6 areas. However, a number of areas showed a dramatic drop from last year's results. Why is this happening, when we have been working so hard to improve results? There are no excuses - just some reasons- that we know now and more yet to be discovered as we analyze the newest data.

We all know that the school has necessarily been focusing on behavior. We have had a psychologist in the school working with staff, students, and parents for over a year. We are happy to report that the number of referrals to the office has dropped dramatically. The staff are teaching about behavior in a consistent way with consistent expectations. Students are being acknowledged regularly for being good community members within their school, while consequences are meted out when appropriate. Real progress was needed in this area for all students to feel safe and be able to learn. We have come a long way in this area.

We also had a difficult period from mid-year through the end of the 2006-2007 school year with Mrs. Noel's being so sick for so long. This was no fault of hers - people get sick. During that time we all worked hard to keep the school running. That was our focus. Happily, Mrs. Noel has returned to good health and is able to be in school as we would want from our principal.

We have had some significant staff changes, as well, over the past couple of years for a variety of reasons. The last staff change, in grade 3, was as recently as just before the holiday break in December 2007. These all greatly affect our staff and students, as well as you in the community. We see signs that we are "over the hump" in all these areas thanks to hard work, good support, and Cornish being the wonderful community it is.

All in all, it's been a frustrating year in school with a roller coaster of highs and lows. We are pleased that we're moving in the right direction now. There have been academic, social, and physical gains for the students, new learning by staff, wonderful drama productions, interesting open houses and presentations, and committees working hard on behalf of the many causes/needs in the school. Our students continue to do very, very well as they move in to high schools in two states. Yet we clearly know that there is much more to do.

I so appreciate the hard work of the School Board, the staff, Mrs. Noel, the parents, the community, and the SAU staff who all work tirelessly on behalf of the school and its students. Cornish continues to be an amazing and wonderful community.

I continue to be very proud to be the Superintendent of this school district.

Sincerely,

Jacqueline E. Guillette
Superintendent of Schools

IMPACT FOR 2007-2008:



Improving student learning throughout SAU #6

OUTCOMES (in no particular order):

- *Delivering a set of clearly-articulated, high-performance learning standards in all subjects and disciplines.
- *Providing a safe learning environment for all students.
- *Removing barriers to student learning.
- *Expanding the staff's instructional repertoire.
- *Expanding opportunities for early learning and intervention - birth through Grade 3.
- *Constructing family and community partnerships.
- *Expanding the number of students reading at grade level or above.

SCHOOL BOARDS' GOALS FOR 2007-2008:

Claremont:

- *To increase personal and professional achievement for everyone.
- *To improve our facilities and programs.
- *To provide effective communications to our community.

TOOLS:

FACILITIES

CURRICULUM

INSTRUCTION

RBT

PBIS

Data

TECHNOLOGY

PD

MENTORING

HQT and Staff

STANDARDS

ASSESSMENTS

R-CUBED:

***Rigor.**

***Relevance.**

***Relationships.**



SCHOOL BOARDS' GOALS FOR 2007 -2008 (continued)

Cornish:

- *To improve student achievement.
- *To build a more respectful, cooperative, and safe learning environment.
- *To increase academic rigor.

Unity:

- *To improve student achievement.
- *To have a safe, instructionally supportive facility.
- *To attract and retain highly professional staff.

UNDERPINNINGS:

- *Data collection (like curriculum maps, test scores, attendance data) and use for decision making.
- *Development of technology infrastructure, professional skills, and tools for instructional support.
- *Commitment to differentiating instruction to meet all students' needs.
- *Responsibility to attract and retain highly qualified staff.
- *Work to build family, community, and business partnerships.

RESOURCES NEEDED:

People: Teachers, paraprofessionals, administrators, custodians and maintenance, school lunch staff, Dow staff, secretaries, 21C staff, families, community members, business partners, higher ed. partners, bus drivers

Financial: Tax dollars, grants, contracts, fees, donations, in-kind

Community: Agencies, businesses, organizations

Structure: Safe, healthy, up-to-date facilities - inside and outside

9/24/07-FINAL

STUDENT ENROLLMENT CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

Elementary School (01/31/2008)

Kindergarten	13	5th Grade	18
1st Grade	11	6th Grade	16
2nd Grade	16	7th Grade	16
3rd Grade	16	8th Grade	24
4th Grade	14	TOTAL ENROLLMENT:	144



PRINCIPAL & TEACHERS Elementary School

Adrienne Noel	Principal
Linda Coolidge (0.5)	Kindergarten
Christine Bourne	Grade 1
Dawn Crary	Grade 2
Cheryl Carsley (Long Term Substitute)	Grade 3
Elizabeth Tilton-Wahlert	Grade 4
Ruth Cassidy	5 & 6 Soc. Studies, Lang. Arts
Caroline Storrs	7 & 8 Soc. Studies, Lang. Arts
Katri Nattie	5 & 6 Math and Science
Jeffrey Taylor	7 & 8 Math and Science
Rachel Roper	Library Media Specialist
Drewanne Reed	Reading Specialist
Constance Filbin (0.7)	Guidance
Patrick Whalen (0.6)	Physical Education
Kelly LeCreta (0.6)	Art
Ann MacPhail (0.5)	World Language
Philip Stentz (0.6)	K-8 Music
Marcia Davis	Special Educator
Judith Maule	Special Educator
Sylvia Brown (0.5)	Title I Teacher / Project Manager

Public High School Enrollments (02/05/08)

	Claremont	Hanover	Hartford	Lebanon	Windsor	Total
9th Grade	-	-	5	2	9	16
10th Grade	1	1	2	2	10	16
11th Grade	3	1	3	4	5	16
12th Grade	3	1	15	-	8	27
TOTALS:	7	3	25	8	32	75



School Support Staff

Dale Lawrence	Administrative Assistant
Mary Liz Lynch	Nurse
Michael Monette	Maintenance/Custodian
Everett Strout / Sharon Strout	Part Time Evening Custodians
Kelsey Dangelo	Paraprofessional
Melissa Rawson	Paraprofessional
Nancy Thornton	Paraprofessional
Rose Towle	Paraprofessional
Michelle Ackerman	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Cheryl Ryan	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Amy Evans	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Julie Sumner	Paraprofessional – Special Education
Ruth Schneider	Tutor - Title I
Jennifer Wishnefsky	Before & After School Program Director
Ashley O'Connor	Kinder Care & After School Program Asst.
Paul Whalen, Sr.	Athletic Director

Contracted Support:

Lisa Brown	C.O.T.A.
Mike Jangel	Café Services
Karen Coronis	Speech/Language Pathologist
Mary Ann Salvatoriello	Part-Time School Psychologist

Cornish School District HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

	07-08	07-08	Less	Add	08-09	08-09
	Budget	Present	Seniors	Freshmen	Total	Rate
Stevens	5	7	3	1	5	11,780
Hartford	23	24	15	10	19	10,300
Windsor	29	32	8	13	37	12,500
Hanover	3	3	1	1	3	12,500
Lebanon	7	8	0	0	8	10,975
Totals	67	74	27	25	72	842,400



Mrs. Bourne and her first grade class are engaged in a Everyday Math lesson, the new math program implemented this year.



Lower Wing students enjoying the extra snowfall we received this year!

Principal's Report 2008

A dedicated staff fully engaged with promoting student excellence, exceptional efforts to advance our students' educational opportunities, a commitment to providing academic rigor and identifying the many factors that need to be addressed to reach our goals are the identifiable pieces of improvement here at Cornish Elementary School. We are constantly and consistently aiming to improve our practice and programs to provide our students with the best education possible. Our mission clearly states our purpose: *The mission of the Cornish Elementary School is to educate and inspire each child to reach his or her academic potential, as well as to help each child develop the skills required to be a responsible person.*

Our school goals for the 2007-2008 school year that address the mission and the needs identified through data analysis are as follows:

- To improve students' writing skills
- To expand students' participation in extended learning opportunities
- To improve student behaviors
- To improve students' performance in math

Aligned with our district goals as set forth by our School Board, the goals are student centered and measurable. We will continue to gather and interpret data to set our course for improvement.

This year, we welcomed some wonderful new members to our staff. Ms. Elizabeth (Beth) Tilton-Wahlert is teaching fourth grade, Ms. Sylvia (Soupi) Brown fills the half time position of Title I Project Manager/Teacher, Mr. Patrick Whalen directs our physical education program 3 days per week, Ms. Kelly LeCreta joins us as our art teacher for 3 days per week, Ms. Marcia Davis fills the position of Special Education teacher, Ms. Karen Coronis works as our Speech/Language teacher for 1 ½ days per week, Ms. Rose Towle and Mrs. Nancy Thornton are serving as a lower wing paraprofessionals and Mrs. Juliet Sumner is a Special Education paraprofessional. We are also quite pleased to welcome Mike Jengal, our Café Services' food director. Transitions have gone very well as confirmed by parents' positive comments, students' enthusiastic response and staff collegiality.

This year, the staff has devoted extra effort in guiding our students to understand their personal responsibility as members of our school community. Through our expanded behavior program that we have been continually improving since our intensive work this summer, we have begun to see levels of improvement. This effort focused on identifying problem behaviors, immediately addressing problems with all involved, honoring and celebrating student and class successes, and most importantly communicating with parents consistently. It is the full cycle of communication along with a coordinated effort to honor or problem solve with students, staff and parents that has allowed us to realize our changes. We are thankful for the guidance of Dr. Steve Atkins who had provided expertise and consult, Ms. Connie Filbin who worked diligently to promote the evolution of our program and remain in touch with parents, the staff who are always looking for ways to improve their practice and honor our students, the many parents who joined us in

leading their children to solve problems respectfully and honoring their children as often as possible, and the SAU administration and School Board for supporting our efforts and recognizing how hard everyone has been working! We will continue to work on improving the behavior of our students as this remains an important link to academic success.

The Harcourt Reading Program is now fully implemented in Grades K-6. The Language Arts curriculum is supported well with the Harcourt program materials. Along with these materials, teachers and specialists are integrating the use of intervention materials, programs such as The Six Traits Writing, and assessments including DIBELS. These materials allow for addressing individual needs and assessing student progress using rubrics and standard measures. We are also using MAP (Measures of Academic Progress) 2 times per year in the spring and fall. This computer generated adaptive assessment measures students' individual skill levels and reports results in just one day. At Cornish, we will be assessing students with MAP in the areas of Reading, Math and Language Usage. Results will be available along with NECAP and DIBELS through a program called Performance Pathways, so we will gather an individual's results from a number of assessments to determine whether a student is achieving their growth target, to decide on any additional intervention needs, and analyze specific skills areas of strength or areas of weaknesses. Assessments will continue to be directly related to our curriculum standards.

After a full examination of a variety of math programs, we decided on the Everyday Math Program. As of the start of the school year, students in Grades K-6 have been engaged in the Everyday Math program as teachers continue to observe student progress, evaluate assessment scores and develop instruction based on individual's needs. This approach to differentiated instruction will aid our students in building skills in areas of need as well as strengthen and expand areas that have been mastered. We look forward to continuing the Everyday Math program and participate in further trainings to keep our practice current and provide our students with the best instruction.

This year, the computer lab continues to draw students, classes and staff as seen by a very full lab schedule. The lab is equipped with 25 computers, a projector and screen, laser printers and a scanner. The space is used for class lessons, small group instruction and provides an exceptional environment for our MAP testing. Students are developing digital portfolios to demonstrate their mastery of ICT (Information and Communication Technology) Standards and teachers are working to integrate technology into their lessons. As we know, our students will continue to need instruction with current technology to prepare for higher education and the workforce.

Again this year, I would like to thank all of the many volunteers that help to make our programs successful. As a school community and community at large, we benefit from the many hours that our caring and dedicated volunteers invest in our activities. Parents, grandparents and community members are volunteering for coaching, chaperoning, aiding in classrooms, teaching lessons, serving on committees, and providing expertise in school activities. Our students are fortunate to be the recipients of their unconditional loyalty and devotion.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Noel

CCPTO Annual Report

2007/08

The CCPTO stands for the Cornish Community Parent Teacher Organization. It is named Cornish Community because our mission is to enhance educational and social opportunities while strengthening school and community ties.

The following list represents programs and activities with which the CCPTO has been involved with during the 2007/2008 school year.

- Celebration Books – sponsor
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon – sponsor
- Back to School Street Fest – finance
- Open House Receptions – sponsor
- Four Winds Science Program – provide financial support
- Field Trips and Field Trip Transportation – provide financial support
- 8th Grade Graduation Flowers – provide financial support
- School Calendar Magnets – finance
- Graduation Awards – provide financial support
- Kindergarten Welcome Kits – finance
- TV Turn Off Week – provide financial support
- Lifelong Activities – provide financial support
- Physical Education Equipment (archery and gymnastics) – finance
- Red Ribbon Week – finance
- Library Reading Alcove Furniture – finance
- Classroom Materials – finance
- Cornish School Clothing - sponsor

2007/2008 Fundraisers

- The Cornish Fair – main fundraiser (raised \$5000 in 2007)
- Innisbrook Wrapping Paper – fundraiser (raised \$2000 in 2007)
- Dutch Mill Bulbs – fundraiser (raised \$1500 in 2007)
- Holiday Shop – fundraiser (raised \$300 in 2007)
- Box Tops for Education – (raised \$300 in 2007)

Goals – 2007/2008

- Continue/increase fundraising
- Continue to support the various enrichment programs listed above.
- Increase membership
- Increase community involvement in school events

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Bourne, President CCPTO

Cornish Elementary School Nurse

School Health and Nutrition/Wellness Programs

School Year 2006/2007

School Health Goals for 2006/07:

	<u>Status:</u>
- Teach CPR to students and staff.	Done
- Support School goals by evaluating all Adolescent Issues work for neatness, handwriting, spelling accuracy, and grammar.	Done
- Using the principles of continuous quality improvement, continue program to decrease student injuries. Assess any interventions made using data.	Ongoing
- Using illness data evaluate the efficacy of the continued emphasis on hand washing.	Ongoing
- Using the quality improvement process, evaluate the BMI percentages.	Ongoing
- Continue to provide regular communications with teachers, paraprofessionals, and parents regarding health-related issues.	Ongoing
- Continue Nutrition Wellness work.	Ongoing
- Upgrade School Health Program, as necessary.	Ongoing

Quality Improvement (QI) Program: School Health: Use data to establish trends. Examine results for opportunities to improve student health.

Analysis of QI Data: Illness & Injury Data:

There were a total of 1420 nurse visits in the school year 2006/2007. 53% of visits were related to illness and 47% related to injury. Complaints of illness related to the respiratory tract accounted for 33% of all illness related nurse visits. This is an increase of 4% from the previous year. The average per student illness related nurse contact was 5. This represents no change from last year.

In a comparison, the average number of per student injury related nurse visits were 5 visits per student. This is also equal to last year. When analyzing the source of injuries, 30% of the reported injuries were playground-related injuries, excluding structure-related. This represents a 5% increase from the previous year. We had a particularly icy winter and saw an increase in playground related injuries during the winter months as compared to the previous year. Structure-related injuries decreased to 1% of all reported injuries. Since the installation of the new structure injuries have decreased from a high of 7%. Physical Education related injuries are up to 17%. As this is only one data point, it may only be an outlier. We will continue to evaluate this data. I will review this data with our new PE teacher. 32% of injury-related visits were from other injuries sustained in school not associated with the sources previously mentioned, e.g. paper cut, hit with locker door, etc. This is down slightly from 35%. Home-related injuries resulted in 15% of nurse visits down from 24%. This would include falling off bikes, falling in the woods, etc., and, after school sports accounted for 5% of nurse visits. This is up slightly from 3% last school year.

Follow-up of QI Data: Continue to analyze injury data by source and type of injury. Continue to evaluate PE data. Analyze illness data by type of illness. Determine

appropriate interventions. Implement interventions. Then evaluate for effectiveness of interventions.

Nutrition/Wellness Goals 2006/07:

- Nutrition: Get involved w/Farm to School Program
- Education: Improve awareness of need for whole grains.
- Fitness: Improve fitness.

Status:

Ongoing
Done
Ongoing

Committee members: Kathleen Maslan, Karen Jamison, Patrick Whalen, Mike Jangel, Adrienne Noel, Mary Liz Lynch. We are very, very fortunate to have some very dedicated community members.

Nutrition/Wellness Data:

Maintaining a healthy food intake vs. exercise balance is important in maintaining good health over the course of a lifetime. One marker of this balance is the body mass index (BMI). BMI is a calculated indicator of total body fat, which is related to the risk of disease and death. The score is valid for both children and adolescents but it does have some limits. The **limits** are:

- * It may **overestimate** body fat in athletes and in others, whose body is muscular.
- * It may **underestimate** body fat in those who have lost muscle mass.
- * It may not be used alone for children and adolescents. Children put on weight prior to growth spurts. When a BMI is calculated during one of these times they may appear to be at risk for obesity or actually obese, when in fact they are in the middle of growing. Graphing the BMI as a **percentage** compared to other children the same age helps to make sense of this process.

A BMI was calculated and graphed for each student. These graphs were then compared to US averages.

The Nutrition Wellness Committee is continuing to meet regularly. We are actively pursuing involvement in the Farm to School Program. We are hoping to see actual involvement in the 07/08 school year.

We set a goal of educating students about the importance of whole grains. To improve the success of the goal, it was decided to limit the scope and gradually increase our goals until the whole school was involved. We had a guest speaker, Mary Choate, from the Lebanon Food Coop come to speak about whole grains. She was very educational and the 5th and 6th graders enjoyed themselves. Learning about healthy eating can be fun. Regarding the goal of improving fitness, the school and community have significantly invested in this goal. Physical education has been increased to 2 days a week. A new structure has been put in place. Physical activity is the goal for all “ski days”. Students who don’t ski are introduced to other activities. All bugs in the program are being actively addressed w/ the goal being 100% student participation, except for students with a doctor’s note. These 5 days are an opportunity to “enrich” the active lifestyle of students by introducing them to other alternatives.

Follow-up of QI Data: Continue to collect BMI’s. Analyze results. Determine appropriate interventions. Implement interventions. Then evaluate for effectiveness of interventions.

Goals School Year 2007-2008: (as relates to School District)

- Teach CPR to students and staff and coaches.
- Support School goals by encouraging respectful behavior, and supporting academic rigor in Adolescent Issues.
- Using the principles of continuous quality improvement, continue program to decrease student injuries.
- Using illness data continue to evaluate the efficacy of the continued emphasis on hand washing.
- Using the quality improvement process, evaluate the BMI percentages.
- Teach health classes, to all grades, on preventing the spread of germs through contact with blood and body fluids. Discuss with student the importance of "Covering coughs."
- Continue to provide communications with teachers, paras, and parents regarding health-related issues.
- Continue Nutrition/Wellness work.
- Upgrade School Health Program, as necessary.
- Continue work with NH School Nurse's Association.
- Continue work with School and SAU Safety Committee's.

Respectfully Submitted:

Mary E. Lynch, R.N.

School Nurse

Chair Nutrition/Wellness Committee



Healthy habits help keep your family well.

Take care: Cover coughs and sneezes. Keep hands clean.

Healthy habits can protect you and your children from getting germs or spreading germs at home, work and school. Simple actions can stop germs and prevent illnesses.

Cover your mouth and nose. Use a tissue when you cough or sneeze and drop it in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cover your mouth and nose with your elbow.

Wash your hands often. Wash your hands every time you cough or sneeze. Hand washing stops germs. Alcohol-based gels and wipes also work well.

Remind your children to practice healthy habits, too. Germs that cause colds, coughs, flu and pneumonia can spread easily.

Healthy habits help reduce illnesses and sick days.

Healthy habits stop germs. At home, work and school.

This message is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Department of Health and Human Services. To learn more, please visit www.cdc.gov or www.pandemicflu.gov.

After Kinder Program

January 2, 2008

The After Kinder Program is in its fourth year of operation. It continues to be a helpful service to the families in Cornish who have children in Kindergarten. There are currently 13 children enrolled in kindergarten. Of those 13 children, 12 have used the After Kinder Program so far this school year. Two kindergarten children from Plainfield also attend the program.

The Cornish After Kinder Program strives to provide quality child care for children in kindergarten. Our program runs from 11:00 AM to 2:45 PM. Tuition cost is \$16 per day. The program operates out of the kindergarten classroom within the Cornish Elementary School. This allows the children to have as few transitions as possible.

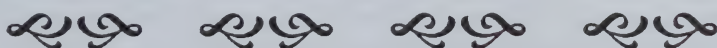
We strive to provide a variety of activities for the children. We have a strong emphasis on social skills development. The children are taught problem solving skills that give them a base for what they are learning in school, and will face when they attend an all day class. Throughout the afternoon the children are engaged in a variety of activities including: dramatic play, arts and crafts, science experiments, cooking sessions, writing, reading, math concepts, sensory activities, circle time, cooperative group games, and nature explorations. There are many opportunities for natural play and creative expression. Program staff works closely with the kindergarten teacher to ensure children have a smooth transition at the end of their school day. Children who attend the After Kinder Program may receive hot lunch and may also take the bus home from school.

We are licensed from the State of New Hampshire Child Care Licensing Bureau. This is an accomplishment that we are all very proud of.

Some benefits of the After Kinder Program include:

- *Increased opportunities of social skills development
- *Easier transition to an all day classroom
- *Gain higher familiarity with the school environment and the educational staff within the school

If you have any questions about the After Kinder Program, please contact Jen Wish at the Cornish Elementary School.



Before & After School Program

At the time of this writing 48 families have used the Before and After School Programs. From those 48 families, 20 children have used the Before School Program, and 64 children have used the After School Program. We are a multi-age program that welcomes children from Kindergarten through seventh grade. Program hours are 7:15 a.m. to 8:00 AM and 2:45 PM – 6:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday, 2:45 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Friday. The Before School Program costs \$3 per day, and the After School Program costs \$9 per day.

This year we extended our program to include a Homework Club. Homework Club runs from 2:45 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday – Thursday. Staff assist students in completing

homework and classroom assignments. 45 students have participated in homework club so far this year.

The Cornish Before & After School Program strives to provide quality out-of-school time and is dedicated to the development, education and care of children during these hours. Many of the activities that are provided in these programs allow for freedom to socialize with peers. It is very important to a child's social development that they are allowed to simply just be with their friends in an environment that allows safe explorations of play. Multi-age programs allow for development and exploration of different types of play among the children. The Before & After School Program strives to provide quality child care and enrichment opportunities which parents can rely upon throughout the school calendar year, as defined by the Cornish Elementary School District Calendar. The program provides a variety of activities which include recreation and games, arts and crafts, reading, music, time to work on homework, and "free time" for the children to pursue their own interests in a safe, friendly environment.

Parents' Expectations of The Programs

Parents may expect that:

1. Their children are cared for in a safe, supportive environment.
2. They may visit with the Director about concerns related to their child or the program.
3. They will be told about any misbehavior on the part of their child, and visit with the program Director in order to bring about improvement in the situation.
4. They will be informed promptly if the child does not arrive at the program according to his/her enrollment information.
5. They will be regularly informed by the program Director about program activities.

Children's Expectations of The Programs

Children may expect:

1. To have a safe, supportive and consistent environment.
2. To use all the program equipment, materials and facilities on an equal basis.
3. To receive respectful treatment.
4. To have discipline that is fair and non-punitive.
5. To receive nurturing care from staff members who are actively involved with them.

Our program is proudly licensed with the State of New Hampshire Child Care Licensing Bureau.

If you have any questions about the Before & After School Programs, please contact Jen Wish at the Cornish Elementary School.

Respectfully submitted by:

Jennifer Wishnefsky
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Building Maintenance Committee

The Building Maintenance Committee met each month this past fall with additional meetings as we drew closer to budget season. We have had new members join us and were fortunate to benefit from the expertise of local contractors and town officials when we discussed some of the issues that we considered for building improvements for the upcoming school year. We have prioritized the needs of the school while keeping cost efficiency in mind.

The summer proved to be productive with the water filtration system installed and approved prior to the start of school. Currently, the system is working well and we are very thankful. In addition, the following projects were completed this summer or soon after the start of school:

- Upgraded the electrical system (Phase I of II)
- Installed an air conditioner in the computer lab
- Secured additional lockers for the upper wing
- Upgraded the telephone system (ongoing)
- Painted the outside rear section of the gymnasium and classrooms
- Installed an interior classroom door (to meet fire codes)
- Painted classrooms and hallways
- Cleaned and finished gym floor
- Cleaned carpets and waxed floors
- Completed carpentry work around school
- Regular maintenance of systems (heating, ventilation, septic, alarm, etc.)

We extend our gratitude and appreciation of the work of Mike Monette. His attention to the daily needs, safety and security of our building, our students, our staff and our visitors is evident. Thank you, Mike.

Also, thank you to Alicia Simino for her service to our committee throughout the last year. Alicia served as Chairperson for the committee, facilitating meetings, gathering information and guiding our work. We appreciate your support throughout the past year, Alicia.

Our facility is always busy with community groups. There is a rare moment when you will find the school without a parking lot full of cars. As a committee, we will continue to maintain a safe facility, open to the community for any activity that benefits the citizens of Cornish.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Noel, Principal

Building Maintenance Committee Members '08

Mike Monette	Jim Jordan	Caroline Storrs	Jim Strout
Richard Thompson	Bob Bladen	Bob Michal	Adrienne Noel

Cornish Technology Committee

As stated in the Cornish School Technology Plan 2005-2008, the vision for technology at Cornish School is as follows:

Technology will support Cornish School's mission in two complementary ways:

- 1. by facilitating active student learning, helping each child to prepare for the demands of a rapidly changing society; and*
- 2. by providing tools to enhance instructional practices and facilitate effective classroom management and school administration.*

The committee continually examines our progress in achieving our goals. The goals are centered on student, staff development, administrative and community objectives. The committee also makes recommendations on the purchase of hardware and software in order to keep our inventory current and provide the students with the most updated equipment and programs.

The Technology Committee meets every third Monday of the month at 3pm in the computer lab.

This summer, we updated the computer lab located in the upper wing with 10 new Mac computers equipped with the programs needed for students' research and practice. Since all computers are able to access the internet, we find that the lab provides students and staff with the resources needed in our fast paced technological environment. We have also installed an air conditioner that provides proper temperatures for the computers and adds comfort to this bright, well organized work environment conducive to learning.

The weekly lab schedule documents a well-used classroom. Classes at all levels access the lab for research or lessons on how to use the computers or specific programs. All students are engaged in learning and demonstrating specific skills as detailed in the ICT (Information and Communication Technology) Standards. Students document their learning by filing a variety of artifacts in a digital portfolio by the end of 8th grade.

The committee also implements trainings for staff to keep skills and knowledge current. Within the past year, staff has trained in using electronic report cards and requisition forms, accessing MAP student data, learning about our new email system and gathering information about ICT standards. We will continue to provide trainings based on staff needs.

During this year, our website has been up and running. With skill and commitment, Glenn Thornton designed our school website and updates pages as needed. We are linked directly to the SAU #6 website. To access our site, visit <http://sau6.k12.nh.us/cornish/index.htm>.

We appreciate your support in continuing our goal to provide our students with current technology with the hope to prepare them for the "*demands of a rapidly changing society*".

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Noel

Glenn Thornton, Parent
Dan Suse, SAU #6, Technology Director
Beth Tilton-Wahlert, Classroom Teacher
Rachel Roper, Media Generalist
Adrienne Noel, Principal

Technology Committee Members
Katri Nattie, Classroom Teacher

French Committee

This was a most active year for the French Committee. We usually meet about one time per month yet with the recent trip planning and organization, we have met more often. Our meetings are typically held on Wednesday at 7:30am but we have remained flexible to accommodate for committee members' schedules. If you are interested in joining the committee, please call me or look for our next meeting date in the newsletter.

Last spring, five 8th Grade students enjoyed a successful trip to Quebec, Canada. They spent 3 days and 2 nights touring the cultural and historical sites in the area. Many thanks to Ann MacPhail for organizing the trip and both Ann MacPhail and Michelle Ackerman for chaperoning the trip.

Also last year, the committee surveyed 7th grade families and found that a large number of families were interested in having their child tour France. We set our goals as a committee and worked hard to make this trip possible. Even more importantly, the parents of the 8th Graders rallied together to earn the additional funds needed for the trip. With great guidance from Pam Annis and Kathleen Maslan, the parents organized and successfully carried out two large dinner dances and silent auctions. With the support of the greater community and the hard work of the families, the 8th Graders have achieved their goal and will be traveling to France from April 1st to 10th. Pam Annis and Annabelle Cone worked tirelessly making the arrangements for flights, hostel and family stays, and tours of the many different cultural stops. Many details are involved and we are very grateful for their commitment. Students, who are not interested in traveling to France, will have the option of a shorter trip to Canada. Plans are currently being finalized. Many thanks to everyone that has made these trips a reality.

In upcoming meetings, we will continue to discuss the French program, explore future trip options, and discuss what will best prepare our students for studying French in High School.

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Noel

French Committee Members

Ann MacPhail, Teacher
Kathleen Maslan
Pam Annis
Annabelle Cone

Susan Borchert
Caroline Storrs
Marcia Clark
Adrienne Noel, Principal

Cornish Athletic Committee

Athletics are alive and active in Cornish! Just to give you an idea of how busy the soccer and basketball seasons have been, have a look at some statistics.

Soccer

- Total # of girls playing = 26 Total # of girls in the Grades 4-8 = 36 % = 72%
- Total # of boys playing = 31 Total # of boys in the Grades 4-8 = 51 % = 61%
- Total # of volunteer coaches = 9
- Total # of games = 52

Basketball

- Total # of girls playing = 24 Total # of girls in the Grades 4-8 = 36 % = 67%
- Total # of boys playing = 18 Total # of boys in the Grades 4-8 = 51 % = 35%
- Total # of volunteer coaches = 10
- Total # of games = 71

We are proud that so many students remain active and represent our school in a respectful and positive way.

Many thanks go to all of our volunteers that put in endless hours to coach our students. You have done a great job and we all appreciate your efforts and attention to teaching our students some very important skills and habits.

This year, the committee and coaches have met together to discuss configuration of teams and debrief the successes and challenges of each season so we can continue to offer the best program for our students. We are now discussing the possibility of adding softball and baseball to the offerings for our students, although we continue to face the challenge of a small student population.

We hope all of you take the opportunity to come to the games and cheer our Cornish students on!!

Respectfully submitted,
Adrienne Noel

Coaches and Athletic Committee Members:

- Paul Whalen, Athletic Director
- Andrew Johnson
- Mike Ackerman
- Doug Thayer
- Doug McGrath
- Cory Healy
- Cara Decato
- Parviz Orog
- John Merrihew
- Greg Clark
- Mike Hannah
- Pam Annis
- Christine Bourne
- Steve Peters
- Ernie Blackburn
- Wendy Barros
- David Teffner
- Jeff McGlone
- Remko Scharroo
- Karen Smith
- Mark Woodcock
- Adrienne Noel, Principal

Minutes of the Annual Meeting

Cornish School District

March 10, 2007

The annual meeting of the School District of the Town of Cornish, N.H., was held March 10, 2007, at the Cornish Elementary School. Leland Atwood, Robin Monette, and Ruth Rollins were sworn in as Supervisors of the Checklist by School District Clerk Kathryn Patterson who also swore in Jane Brodeur-Smith, Lois Fitts, Sandra Redlands, and Jen Wishnefsky as Ballot Inspectors.

Moderator Ray Evans opened the meeting at 10:00 a.m. After declaring a quorum present, he opened the polls for voting on Article I by paper ballot.

Moderator Evans called the business meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with a Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Reverend Dale Nicholas followed with a brief prayer. Moderator Evans then introduced by name the Supervisory Union personnel in attendance, the School Board members, School Counsel, the Supervisors of the Checklist, the District officers, and the ballot clerks.

Article I: (Election of Officers)

There were 258 ballots cast.

SCHOOL BOARD - Alicia Simino was elected to a three-year term with 155 votes.

Jeff McGlone received 103 votes.

MODERATOR - Ray Evans was elected to a one-year term with 240 votes.

TREASURER – The following names were written in:

Bill Caterino(9), Jeff McGlone(4), Reigh Sweetser(3), Kathi Patterson(2), Ann Hier(2), George Edson(2), Bernice Johnson(1), Karen Jameson(1), Keith Jones(1), Frank Parks(1), Leo Maslan(1), Terri Rondos(1), Mike Fuerst(1), Jen Wishnefsky(1), Dan Charland(1), Leland Atwood(1), Carol Rennie(1), Harold Morse(1), Stu Hodgeman(1), Lois Fitts(1), Alicia Simino(1), James Lukash(1), Mike Monette(1), Jerry Garcia(1),

SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK - Kathryn Patterson was elected to a one-year term with 241 votes.

Article II: (Hearing of Reports)

Carol Rennie **moved** that the District vote to accept the reports of agents, committees, or officers chosen as reported in the *240th Annual Report*. The motion was **passed** by a voice vote after a **second** by Shirley Sullivan.

Article III: (Main Budget)

Terrie Scott **moved** that the District raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,996,261 for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents, and employees, for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State of New Hampshire, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the Selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$2,836,261 for the general fund, \$54,000 for the school lunch fund, \$106,000 for the federal projects fund/user fees. Helen Lovell **seconded** the motion.

School board members reviewed sections of the budget. They noted that since the state lawmakers continue to struggle with the definition of an adequate education, the actual

amount the District would receive from the state property tax had not been clear until it was recently set as level-funded.

Caroline Storrs asked that Kathi Patterson, who is retiring this year, be recognized for her help with technology at the school. She received a round of applause.

The **motion** was then **passed** by a show of hands.

Article IV: (Collective Bargaining)

The **motion** was made by Terrie Scott, **seconded** by Bill Caterino, that the District vote to approve the cost item included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Cornish School Board and the Cornish Education Association which calls for the following increases in salaries and payroll taxes at the current staffing levels:

Year	Estimated increase
2007-08	\$22,763
2008-09	\$49,735
2009-10	\$47,929

and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,763 for the upcoming school year, such sum representing the additional costs attributable to the increases in salaries and payroll taxes over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year.

Scott explained that the agreement includes an average 3.00% cost-of-living increase for next year. It introduces 9.93% to 13.12% increases in new teachers’ salaries for the second year, and a 7.84% to 9.61% increase in new teachers’ salaries for the third year. This contract focuses on raising the pay scale for the entry levels to keep Cornish competitive when hiring teachers. It also reduces the number of steps from 24 to 13.

It was voted by paper ballot, by checklist and was **passed** by the following vote: 95 YES, 79 NO.

Article V: (Stage Lighting – Reserve Fund)

Susan Borchert **moved** that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,316 for the purchase and installation of stage lights and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$3,316 from the School Building Reserve Account, created to fund bond costs associated with the prior construction of the gym, classrooms, and library, and further to pay for needed upkeep on these facilities. The motion was **seconded** by Jessica Summer and was **passed** by a show of hands.

Article VI: (Exterior Painting – Reserve Fund)

Alicia Simino **moved** that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for the purpose of repainting certain rear sections of the school, including the gym, and further to authorize the withdrawal of \$9,000 from the School Building Reserve Account, created to fund bond costs associated with the prior construction of the gym, classrooms, and library, and further to pay for needed upkeep on these facilities. Dan Poor **seconded** the motion.

The **motion** was **passed** by a show of hands.

Article VII: (High School Tuition – Deficit Appropriation)

Terrie Scott made the **motion** to pass over this article, a deficit appropriation to cover a \$34,007 charge for payment of an unanticipated high school tuition bill from the Windsor School District for the 2005-06 school year. Merilynn Bourne **seconded** the motion.

Terrie explained that funds had been found in the current budget and that the board would

be researching options concerning these charges from Windsor that occur after their tuition rates have been announced, The motion was **passed** by a show of hands.

Article VIII: (Water)

Alicia Simino made the **motion**, **seconded** by Stu Hodgeman, that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$36,000 for remedial action required regarding the school's drinking water. State grants would defray some of this cost. The board proposed filtering when the option of digging a well on town land across from the school could no longer be considered since the land is restricted to recreational use. Discussion centered around the solutions to the drinking water contamination proposed by those who wanted to use the current well and install a filtration system and by those who wanted to find a new water source.

Heidi Jaarsma moved to **amend** the original motion to ask that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,500 for remedial action required regarding the school's drinking water. Her motion to amend was **seconded** by Nancy Wightman. The \$7,500 increase would be used to fund the exploration of possibilities for a new well on school property.

Merilyn Bourne called the question which passed by a two-thirds show of hands after a second by Will Reed,

The **motion to amend** was then **passed** by a show of hands. The **amended main motion** -that the District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,500 for remedial action required regarding the school's drinking water - was **passed** by a show of hands.

Article IX: (District Officer Compensation)

William Palmer **moved** that the District determine and fix the salaries of school district officers as follows: school board members at \$200 per member per year; school district treasurer at \$200 per year; school district moderator at \$15 per year; and school district clerk at \$30 per year. After a **second** by Helen Lovell, the motion was **passed** by a show of hands.

Article XI: (Other Business)

Terrie Scott thanked Nancy Newbold for her work compiling the *Cornish Phone Book* and asked townspeople to contact Nancy with advertising requests for next year's issue. Nancy received a round of applause.

Terrie also reminded those present of the James Brewster Fitch Fund that gives two \$350 scholarships to seniors who plan to pursue agricultural or environmental studies in college.

Lois Fitts asked that a committee be formed to study ways to replenish the School Building Addition Fund as it was being depleted with no amounts added back. Bill Palmer said that there was already a Building Fund and that the Enrichment Committee could consider this request.

After a **motion** to adjourn by Judy Rook was **seconded** by Alicia Simino and **passed** by a show of hands, the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathryn Patterson, Clerk

Report
School District Treasurer
for the fiscal year July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2007

Checking Account Cash on hand June 30, 2006	(\$17,266.52)
Received from Selectmen	\$1,986,627.00
Received from State/Federal sources	748,075.95
Received from other sources	68,764.77
Total Receipts for 2006-2007	\$2,803,467.72
Less School Board order paid	\$2,800,121.10
Checking Account Cash on hand June 30, 2007	(\$13,919.90)
Savings Account Cash on hand June 30, 2007	\$87,191.98
Total Cash on hand June 30, 2007	\$73,272.08

Cornish School Building Fund
June 30, 2007 Fund Balance

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2006	\$21,315.97
Pledges Received	0.00
Withdrawals	0.00
Income Earned - interest	1,083.16
TOTAL June 30, 2007	\$22,399.13

Science Room Renovation Fund
June 30, 2007 Fund Balance

Fund Balance as of June 30, 2006	\$3,587.95
Pledges Received	0.00
Income Earned – interest	185.35
Withdrawal	0.00
TOTAL – June 30, 2007	\$3,770.30



Cornish School District
Debt Payment Schedule

The Cornish School District has no long term debt.

Cornish French Accounts

	Scholarship	Class of 2007	Class of 2008
Balance 6/30/2006	\$15,293.35	\$296.21	\$809.88
Interest	\$153.38	\$2.81	\$22.38
Donations/Fundraising	\$0.	\$0.	\$6,386.33
Withdrawals	(\$500.00)	(\$299.02)	\$0.
Balance 6/30/2007	\$14,946.73	\$0.00	\$7,218.59

James Brewster Fitch Scholarship

Agricultural/Environmental Scholarship (Original Contribution \$6,873.43)

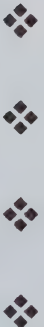
Beginning Balance 6/30/06	Interest	Withdrawals	Fund Balance 06/30/07
\$9,989.35	\$507.81	--	\$10,497.16

Capital Reserve Funds

Fund	Balance 6/30/2007	To Be Used Per 2007 Meeting	2007-08 Budget	Remaining Balance
Site Improvement	14,760		3,000	17,760
Tuition	30,000		3,000	33,000
General Repairs	7,843		3,000	10,843
Block Funds	8,613			8,613
Heating and Ventilating School Building	20,321		3,000	23,321
Addition	18,246	-12,316		5,930

Special Endowment Funds
June 30, 2007 Fund Balances

FUND NAME	(original gift/principle amount)	RESTRICTIONS	BALANCE
James Farley Memorial Fund	(\$2,807.93)	Writing Excellence	\$ 4,840.28
Gratia T. Huggins Memorial Fund	(\$7,509.83)	Capital Expense	10,693.44
Eberhardt Award	(\$500)	Art & Music	566.42
Ellsworth Atwood Memorial	(\$500)	Citizenship	566.42
Glen Smith Sportmanship Aware	(\$250)	Sportsmanship	249.22
Harriet Runnals Award	(\$1,270)	Multiple Categories	1,255.56
James Brewster Fitch Scholarship Fund	(\$6,873.43)	Environ/Agri Scholarship	161.21
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund	(\$1,000)	Sports Program	1,679.36
Clarence Williams Memorial Fund	(\$1,000)	Resource Room Program	1,679.36
Science Discovery Fund	(\$800)	Science Exploration	1,465.65
Doris Morgan McAuley Fund	(\$930.94)	Spelling Excellence	927.83
Non-Dedicated Funds	(\$55.42)	Unrestricted	39.10
TOTAL ENDOWMENTS – June 30, 2006			\$24,123.85



Queneau Scholarship Trust

Beginning Balance	Ending Balance
<u>12/31/06</u>	<u>12/31/07</u>
\$34,846.09	\$35,508.48
Interest	Distributions
\$662.39	-0-

District's Share of SAU 6 Expenses

2007-08

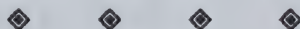
Claremont	81.45%	\$1,046,875
Cornish	10.51%	135,085
Unity	8.04%	103,338
	100.00%	\$1,285,299



District's Share of Administrative Salaries

2007-08

	Claremont	Cornish	Unity	Total
	81.45%	10.51%	8.04%	100.00%
Superintendent	\$84,729	\$10,933	\$8,363	\$104,026
Assistant Superintendent	72,126	9,307	7,121	88,553
Director of Special Education	58,237	7,515	5,748	71,500
Director of Curriculum	61,591	7,947	6,081	75,618
	\$276,683	\$35,702	\$27,313	\$339,697



School Administrative Unit #6

Jacqueline E. Guillette	Superintendent
Allen Damren	Assistant Superintendent
Karen Steinbeck	Director of Special Education
Wendy Siebrands	Director of Curriculum
Dan Suse	Curriculum Technology Coordinator
Corrine Baptistella	Payroll Clerk
Penny Derosier	Business Office Clerk
Ann Dieter	Accounting & Benefits Supervisor
Genevieve Gallagher	Administrative Assistant
Donald Johnson	Building Technician
Eileen Kane	Registered Occupational Therapist
Nate LaVanway	Database Manager
Tonya LeClair	Administrative Assistant
Kelly Poisson	Accounting Assistant
Connie Scheffy	Speech/Language Pathologist
Louise Schultz	Administrative Assistant
April Woodman	Administrative Assistant

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Special Education Expenses & Revenue

Category	Actual 05-06	Actual 06-07	Budget 07-08	Budget 08-09
State Funding:				
Catastrophic Aid	46,133	53,774	55,000	55,000
Adequate Education Grants- SPED	N/A	N/A	150,865	150,865
Federal and Grant Funding:				
Chap. 1- Tutoring in Reading	19,902	20,000	17,400	17,400
Other Special Ed.				
Medicaid	12,556	9,868	11,000	11,000
TOTAL REVENUE	78,591	83,642	234,265	234,265
Total Special Ed. Expenses	436,045	373,075	452,636	471,174
Net Special Education Expenses				
Paid From Property Taxes	357,454	289,433	218,371	236,909

Note: The budget revenue for 2007-08 includes the amount of \$150,865 for Adequate Education Grants. The formula under RSA 198:41 takes the effective number of special education students times \$3,859 per child. This number is then pro-rated by 94.66%. In 2007-08, total aid was determined by taking the result of calculations under RSA 198:41, comparing that number to the then House Bill 2 compromise, and awarding school districts the higher of the two amounts. The school district got the House Bill 2 amount which we are assuming contains calculated dollars above since it is a higher number. Budget for 2008-09 assumes the same revenue from this category.

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT
Food Service Report

<u>Number of Student Lunches/Breakfasts</u>				
<u>School Year</u>	<u>Served</u>	<u>Average per Day</u>		
2003-04	9,499	52.8		
2004-05	12,054	67.0		
2005-06	11,516	64.0		
2006-07	13,878/1,203	77.1/6.7		

<u>School Year</u>	<u>Profit/ (Loss) Before General Fund Subsidy</u>			
2001-02	(6,371)			
2002-03	(13,505)			
2003-04	(11,644)			
2004-05	(13,803)			
2005-06	(19,009)			
2006-07	(16,309)			

<u>Percent of Café Services Total Cost:</u>				
	<u>2006-07</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2004-05</u>	
Food	33.5	27.3	24.1	
Labor	49.3	53.7	55.8	
Café Services Fee (150 per month)	2.6	2.8	3.1	
General and Administrative	8.6	9.3	10.2	
Other	6.0	6.9	6.8	
	<u>2003-04</u>	<u>2004-05</u>	<u>2005-06</u>	<u>2006-07</u>
<u>Cost per Meal Served:</u>	4.66	3.83	4.61	4.17

Submitted By Allen Damren, Assistant Superintendent

**School District Warrant
Cornish School District
Cornish, New Hampshire**

To the inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Cornish in the County of Sullivan in said State, qualified to vote in District affairs:

You are hereby notified to attend the Annual District Meeting at the Cornish Elementary School Gymnasium on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at 10:00 a. m. to act upon the articles set forth in this warrant.

Article 1 of the Warrant will be voted upon by official ballot from the checklist and the polls will remain open for this purpose from 10:00 a. m. in the forenoon until 7:00 p. m. in the evening.

The business session of the School District meeting will commence at 1:00 p. m. in the afternoon at which time the remaining articles will be acted upon.

Article I (Election of District Officials)

To elect a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, each for one-year terms, two School Board members, each for three year terms, and one School Board member for a two year term.

Article II (Hearing of Reports)

To hear reports of Agents, Committees or Officers chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

Article III (Main Budget)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE MILLION TWO HUNDRED TWENTY-FOUR THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$3,224,531) for the support of schools, for the salaries of District officials, agents, and employees, for payment of statutory obligations, and to authorize the applications against said appropriation of such sums as are estimated to be received from the State of New Hampshire, together with other income, the School Board to certify to the selectmen the balance between the estimated revenue and the appropriations, which balance is to be raised by taxes by the Town. The above amount includes \$3,064,531 for the general fund, \$54,000 for the school lunch fund, and \$106,000 for the federal projects fund and user fees.

(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

Article IV (Appropriate to the Capital Reserve Fund- Tuition - Special Warrant Article)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to be added to School District tuition capital reserve fund previously established. (Majority vote required)

(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

Article V (Appropriate to the Capital Reserve Fund- Heating and Ventilating - Special Warrant Article)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to be added to School District heating and ventilating capital reserve fund previously established. (Majority vote required)
(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

Article VI (Appropriate to the Capital Reserve Fund- General Repairs - Special Warrant Article)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to be added to School District general repairs capital reserve fund previously established. (Majority vote required)
(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

Article VII (Appropriate to the Capital Reserve Fund- Building and Site Improvement - Special Warrant Article)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$3,000) to be added to School District building and site improvement capital reserve fund previously established. (Majority vote required)
(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

Article VIII (High School Tuition)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of NINETEEN THOUSAND EIGHT DOLLARS (\$19,008) to pay the remaining balance of an unanticipated high school tuition bill from the Windsor School District relating to the 2005-06 school year.
(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

Article IX (High School Tuition- Deficit Appropriation)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of THIRTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$30,000) as a deficit appropriation to pay for tuition costs for an additional seven students more than budgeted.
(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

Article X (School Front Door Renovations)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$14,000) to renovate the school front doors so as to provide a new door for the outside and a security door for the inside entrance.
(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

Article XI (Install Rubberized Roofing Over Kitchen Area)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,500) to install rubberized roofing over the school kitchen area and further to authorize the withdrawal of SEVEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$7,500) from the School General Repairs Capital Reserve Fund.
(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

Article XII (Paving Between Kindergarten Addition and Gym)

To see if the School District will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of FIFTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$15,500) to pave the area between the kindergarten addition and the gym and further to authorize the withdrawal of FIFTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$15,500) from the School Building and Site Capital Reserve Account.

(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

Article XIII (Change in Voting Date for Officials) By Petition

To see if the School District will vote to elect its district officers by separate ballot at the town election provided by New Hampshire Election Law RSA 671:22.

(The School Board Does Not Recommend This Article.)

Article XIV (Long Term Lease to the Cornish Fair Association)

To see if the School District will vote to approve the leasing of School District property to the Cornish Fair Association, Inc., so as to permit the Cornish Fair Association to conduct the annual Cornish Fair and to continue to use the premises as it has historically done, pursuant to a long term lease with a term of at least 10 years with an option to renew for an additional 10 years, for rent of \$1.00 and to authorize the School Board to negotiate the terms and conditions of said lease.

(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

Article XV (District Officer Compensation)

To determine and fix the salaries of school district officers as follows: school board members at \$200 per member per year; school district treasurer at \$200 per year; school district moderator at \$15 per year; and school district clerk at \$30 per year.

(The School Board Recommends This Article.)

Article XVI (Other Business)

To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

GIVEN UNDER OUR HANDS AND SEAL AT SAID Cornish this _____ day of February 2008.

William Palmer, Chair

Susan Borchert

Terrie Scott

Carol Rennie

CORNISH SCHOOL BOARD

REVENUES		2007-08	2008-09	Chg
FOOD SERVICE FUND				
1610	Daily Sales	29,100	29,200	0.34%
1990	Other Revenue	2,000	2,500	25.00%
3270	State Reimbursement	400	400	0.00%
4460	Federal Reimbursement	4,500	4,500	0.00%
5210	From General Fund	18,000	18,000	0.00%
Food Service Fund Total		54,000	54,600	0.34%
FEDERAL GRANT FUND/User Fees				
4410	ECIA - I & II	50,000	50,000	
	User Fees	55,000	56,000	
Federal Grant Fund Total		105,000	106,000	0.95%

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT

2008-09

FUNC	OBJ	Description	06-07 Actual	07-08 Budget	08-09 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
1100	0	REGULAR EDUCATION					
1100	110	Salaries	511,448	526,016	553,947	27,931	5.31%
1100	110	Summer School	4,836	6,185	6,185	0	0.00%
1100	114	Paraprofessionals	39,537	53,185	68,687	15,502	29.15%
1100	115	Substitutes	15,122	15,000	15,000	0	0.00%
1100	211	Group Health Insurance	120,021	132,885	146,521	13,636	10.26%
1100	212	Dental Insurance	7,140	7,002	5,084	(1,918)	-27.39%
1100	213	Life Insurance	1,473	3,545	3,735	190	5.36%
1100	214	Worker's Compensation Ins	1,304	5,246	5,629	383	7.30%
1100	216	Unemployment Insurance	634	749	806	57	7.61%
1100	221	Social Security Insurance	40,070	45,459	48,782	3,323	7.31%
1100	230	N.H. Retirement	17,077	33,593	36,113	2,520	7.50%
1100	329	Staff Development	9,122	11,000	11,000	0	0.00%
1100	430	Equipment Repair	0	1,200	1,200	0	0.00%
1100	539	Internet	1,081	0	0	0	n/a
1100	610	Supplies	22,387	15,300	15,950	650	4.25%
1100	611	Testing and Assessment	725	4,435	4,285	(150)	-3.38%
1100	614	Software	3,476	7,895	7,895	0	0.00%
1100	616	Exploratory/Enrichment	4,649	4,000	4,000	0	0.00%
1100	641	Textbooks	11,635	22,725	16,100	(6,625)	-29.15%
1100	645	Consumable Workbooks	1,186	4,500	6,500	2,000	44.44%
1100	733	New Equipment	1,805	7,700	0	(7,700)	n/a
1100	734	Replacement Equipment	1,517	10,000	10,500	500	5.00%
1100	733	Copier Lease	7,001	6,264	6,264	0	0.00%
1100	739	Furniture	3,911	1,110	500	(610)	-54.95%
		Function Total	827,157	924,994	974,683	49,689	5.37%

FUNC	OBJ	Description	06-07 Actual	07-08 Budget	08-09 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
1200		0 SPECIAL EDUCATION					
1200	110	Teacher's Salaries-Contract	78,044	80,432	80,984	552	0.69%
1200	114	Paraprofessionals	35,907	24,989	55,652	30,663	122.71%
1200	117	Tutoring	500	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
1200	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	48,690	40,830	51,797	10,967	26.86%
1200	303	Speech Therapy	104	9,335	9,335	0	0.00%
1200	329	Staff Development	0	500	500	0	0.00%
1200	331	Testing	3,236	8,000	9,000	1,000	12.50%
1200	332	Occupational Therapy	0	4,735	5,735	1,000	21.12%
1200	381	Legal Services	192	3,500	3,500	0	0.00%
1200	565	SPED Tuition- In State		0	0	0	n/a
1200	566	SPED Tuition- Out of State	113,342	0	0	0	n/a
1200	567	SPED Tuition- Private	0	0	0	0	n/a
1200	570	SPED- Elementary Trans.	8,313	0	0	0	n/a
1200	610	Supplies	634	700	700	0	0.00%
1200	641	Textbooks	732	725	725	0	0.00%
1200	645	Workbooks	305	325	325	0	0.00%
1200	733	New Equipment	0	50	700	650	n/a
		Function Total	289,999	175,121	219,953	44,832	25.60%
1290		Extended Year Program					
1290	110	Salaries	2,000	3,000	3,000	0	0.00%
1290	200	Payroll Taxes	189	330	330	0	0.00%
		Function Total	2,189	3,330	3,330	0	0.00%
1420		0 ATHLETICS					
1420	110	Salaries P/R	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
1420	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	0	25	25	0	0.00%

FUNC	OBJ	Description	06-07 Actual	07-08 Budget	08-09 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
1420	391 Referees		3,500	3,500	5,250	1,750	50.00%
1420	610 Supplies		700	980	2,650	1,670	170.41%
	Function Total		5,200	5,505	8,925	3,420	62.13%
2120	0 GUIDANCE						
2120	110 Salaries		25,920	26,793	30,309	3,516	13.12%
2120	200 Payroll Taxes & Benefits		8,660	14,908	15,240	332	2.23%
2120	610 Supplies		582	740	1,200	460	62.16%
2120	641 Textbooks		0	50	0	(50)	n/a
	Function Total		35,162	42,491	46,749	4,258	10.02%
2130	0 HEALTH						
2130	110 Salaries		27,252	27,244	29,182	1,938	7.11%
2130	200 Payroll Taxes & Benefits		2,165	2,365	2,530	165	6.98%
2130	610 Supplies		749	1,010	1,100	90	8.91%
2130	641 Textbooks		85	130	150	20	20.00%
2130	733 Equipment		0	300	300	0	0.00%
	Function Total		30,251	31,049	33,262	2,213	7.13%
2220	0 MEDIA						
2220	110 Salary		26,951	27,000	32,292	5,292	19.60%
2220	200 Payroll Taxes & Benefits		8,142	15,543	11,045	(4,498)	-28.94%
2220	Equip. Maintenance		195	1,500	5,000	3,500	233.33%
2220	610 Supplies		1,807	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
2220	642 Books		3,261	3,500	3,750	250	7.14%
2220	643 Periodicals		366	400	450	50	12.50%
2220	733 Equipment		230	0	0	0	n/a
2220	739 Furniture		357	0	0	0	n/a
	Function Total		41,309	50,443	55,037	4,594	9.11%

FUNC	OBJ	Description	06-07 Actual	07-08 Budget	08-09 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
2310		0 SCHOOL BOARD SERVICES					
2310	107	District Clerk		30	30	0	0.00%
2310	108	Moderator		15	15	0	0.00%
2310	109	Election Officials	462	400	400	0	0.00%
2310	110	School Board Salary	1,000	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
2310	200	P/R Taxes	69				
2310	381	Professional Services	21,380	1,750	2,750	1,000	57.14%
2310	383	Auditors	5,480	4,750	4,750	0	0.00%
2310	384	Treasurer	0	200	200	0	0.00%
2310	551	Annual Report	1,385	1,100	1,100	0	0.00%
2310	610	Supplies	619	750	750	0	0.00%
2310	810	NHSBA Dues/Training	2,496	2,844	2,844	0	0.00%
		Function Total	32,891	12,839	13,839	1,000	7.79%
2321		0 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE UNIT #6					
2321	351	Management Services	122,401	135,085	143,215	8,130	6.02%
		Function Total	122,401	135,085	143,215	8,130	6.02%
2410		0 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION					
2410	110	Salary- Principal	76,920	73,195	75,391	2,196	3.00%
2410	111	Salary- Admin. Assistant	29,414	29,952	31,070	1,118	3.73%
2410	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	38,061	47,073	45,878	(1,195)	-2.54%
2410	329	Staff Development	1,095	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
2410	534	Postage	948	1,500	1,500	0	0.00%
2410	541	Contract Svcs--Advertising	1,590	2,200	2,200	0	0.00%
2410	550	Printing	1,039	2,500	2,500	0	0.00%
2410	580	Travel-In District	793	1,000	1,000	0	0.00%
2410	610	Supplies	894	900	900	0	0.00%

FUNC	OBJ	Description	06-07 Actual	07-08 Budget	08-09 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
2410	800	Principal's Fund	835	750	750	0	0.00%
2410	810	Dues	614	575	575	0	0.00%
2410	892	Graduation	830	750	750	0	0.00%
		Function Total	153,033	161,895	164,014	2,119	1.31%
2600		0 OPERATION & MAINT OF PLANT					
2600	110	Salaries	62,456	53,276	57,695	4,419	8.29%
2600	200	Payroll Taxes & Benefits	19,386	25,954	26,475	521	2.01%
2600	310	Contracted Services	11,290	6,500	6,500	0	0.00%
2600	411	Septic Pumping	1,120	1,300	1,300	0	0.00%
2600	421	Rubbish Removal	5,115	3,200	3,200	0	0.00%
2600	424	Lawn Work	1,470	950	950	0	0.00%
2600	442	Repairs/Maintenance Services	34,390	33,000	26,000	(7,000)	-21.21%
2600	490	Building Improvements	77,041	61,352	10,000	(51,352)	-83.70%
2600	520	Property/Liability Insurance	3,226	3,226	3,226	0	0.00%
2600	531	Telephone	4,198	5,625	5,625	0	0.00%
2600	610	Supplies	15,395	9,000	10,000	1,000	11.11%
2600	622	Electricity	23,545	21,000	21,500	500	2.38%
2600	624	Fuel Oil	30,427	37,135	41,153	4,018	10.82%
2600	733	New Equipment	892	3,316	0	(3,316)	n/a
2600	734	Replacement Equipment	0	0	0	0	n/a
		Function Total	289,951	264,834	213,624	(51,210)	-19.34%
2700		0 TRANSPORTATION					
2700	510	Field Trips	562	5,000	6,000	1,000	20.00%
2700	514	Elementary Transportation	97,544	87,509	91,009	3,500	4.00%
		Function Total	98,106	92,509	97,009	4,500	4.86%

FUNC	OBJ	Description	06-07 Actual	07-08 Budget	08-09 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
5100		0 DISTRICT WIDE EXPENSES					
5100		0 DEBT SERVICE					
5100	830	Principal	0	0	0	0	n/a
5100	840	Interest	0	0	0	0	n/a
		Function Total	0	0	0	0	n/a
Total Cornish Elementary School			1,927,649	1,900,095	1,973,640	73,545	3.87%
5250		0 INTERFUND TRANSFERS OUT					
5250	881	Trans. To Capital Reserve- Tuition	30,000	3,000	0	(3,000)	-100%
5250	882	Trans. to Capital Reserve-Roof	3,000	3,000	0	(3,000)	n/a
5250	881	Trans. to Capital Reserve- Heating & Ventilating	3,000	3,000	0	(3,000)	n/a
5250	883	Trans. to Capital Reserve- Bldg. & Site Improvement	3,000	3,000	0	(3,000)	n/a
5250	884	Transfer to Food Service	16,000	18,000	18,000	0	0%
		Function Total	55,000	30,000	18,000	(12,000)	n/a
1200		0 SPECIAL EDUCATION HIGH SCHOOL EXPENSES					
1200	519	Transportation	0	8,000	9,000	1,000	n/a
1200	568	Tuition Out of Dist.-High Sch.	0	170,085	152,250	(17,835)	-10.49%
		Tuition High School- Local Area	55,416	78,700	69,241	(9,459)	-12.02%
		Total High Sch. Special Ed.	55,416	256,785	230,491	(26,294)	-10.24%
1100		0 HIGH SCHOOL TUITIONS					
1100	561	Tuition- High School	782,803	731,560	842,400	110,840	15.15%
Total General Fund			2,820,868	2,918,440	3,064,531	146,091	5.01%

FUNC	OBJ	Description	06-07 Actual	07-08 Budget	08-09 Proposed	\$ Change	% Change
School Lunch Fund:							
		Food and Milk	19,414	12,400	14,000	1,600	12.90%
		Contracted Service	38,479	38,000	40,000	2,000	5.26%
Total School Lunch Fund							
			57,893	50,400	54,000	3,600	7.14%
Federal Projects Fund/User Fees							
			109,481	106,000	106,000	0	0.00%
GRAND TOTAL			2,988,242	3,074,840	3,224,531	149,691	5.01%



CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008-09 PROPOSED REVENUES							
REVENUE DETAIL:							
1121	District Assessment	As Set 2006-07	As Set 2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	\$ Chg	% Chg	
	State Property Tax	1,626,833	1,682,067	1,850,516	168,449	10%	
	Medicaid	342,794	388,488	388,488	0	0%	
	Interest Income	11,000	11,000	11,000	0	n/a	
1500	Miscellaneous Income	1,500	1,500	3,500	2,000	133%	
1990	Adequate Education Grants	10,681	20,380	10,000	-10,380	-51%	
3110	Catastrophic Aid	684,435	718,657	718,657	0	0%	
3240	From Building Endowment Fund	45,000	55,000	55,000	0	0%	
5220		36,870	12,316	0	-12,316	n/a	
Revenue Total		2,759,113	2,889,408	3,037,161	147,753	5%	

CORNISH SCHOOL DISTRICT 2008-09 PROPOSED BUDGET TAX RATE IMPACT					
	As Set 2006-07	As Set 2007-08	Proposed 2008-09	\$ Chg	% Chg
Appropriation- General Fund					
Total Non-Tax Revenue	2,847,706	2,918,440	3,064,531	146,091	5.01%
State Property Tax	789,486	818,853	798,157	-20,696	-2.53%
Use of Fund Balance	342,794	388,488	388,488	0	0.00%
	88,593	29,032	27,370	-1,662	n/a
Local Tax Levy	1,626,833	1,682,067	1,850,516	168,449	10.01%
Assessed Value	176,082,368	178,673,860	178,673,860	0	0.00%
Local Tax Rate	9.25	9.49	10.36	0.87	9.17%
Estimated State Rate	1.98	2.22	2.22	0.00	0.00%
Sub-Total Tax Rate (\$ per \$1,000)	11.23	11.71	12.58	0.87	7.43%
Article 4 Capital Reserve Appropriation				0.02	
Article 5 Capital Reserve Appropriation				0.02	
Article 6 Capital Reserve Appropriation				0.02	
Article 7 Capital Reserve Appropriation				0.02	
Total with Capital Reserves				0.95	8.11%
Article 8 Windsor Tuition Bill				0.11	
Article 9 High School Tuition Deficit				0.17	
Article 10 School Front Door Changes				0.08	
Article 11 Rubberized Roofing				n/a	
Article 12 Paving				n/a	
Article 13 Voting Day Change				n/a	
Article 14 School Lease with Cornish Fair				n/a	
Total Tax Rate if All Articles Are Approved			12.58	1.31	11.19%

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2008-09 Projected Salaries, Payroll Taxes, & Benefits

Name	Educ./ Rate	FTE/ Hrs	Wks	Years Exp.	07-08 Salary	08-09 Salary	Payroll Taxes & Benefits
REGULAR EDUCATION							
Bourne	BA+15	1.00		6	32,062	35,886	
Cassedy	BA + 30	1.00		20	47,008	48,418	
Coolidge	MA+15	0.50		30	32,193	33,158	
Crary	MA	1.00		13	40,089	45,096	
LaCreta	MA	0.60		8	21,317	24,177	
Mac Phail	MA + 30	0.50		20	25,029	26,353	
Nattie	BA+15	1.00		0	27,773	31,085	
Reed	MA+15	1.00		16	44,264	48,101	
New	MA	1.00		8	53,781	40,295	
Stentz	MA	0.60		24	31,424	32,584	
Storrs	MA+30	1.00		24	55,188	57,115	
Taylor	MA + 30	1.00		24	55,188	57,115	
Tilton-Wahlert	MA	1.00		8	35,528	40,295	
Whalen	MA	0.60		38	33,113	34,269	
Sub-total					533,957	553,947	222,982
SUBSTITUTES							
Various					15,000	15,000	1,322

Name	Educ./ Rate	FTE/ Hrs	Wks	Years Exp.	07-08 Salary	08-09 Salary	Payroll Taxes & Benefits
REGULAR ED PARA							
Rawson	10.78	35	38		13,672	14,337	
Ryan	14.73	35	38		19,072	19,591	
Thornton	9.32	35	38		12,037	12,396	
Towle	9.53	28	38		9,629	10,140	
New	9.19	35	38		12,037	12,223	
Subtotal					66,447	68,687	22,366
SPECIAL EDUCATION							
Davis	MA + 30	1.00		12	41,216	46,304	
Maule	MA + 30	1.00		24	55,188	57,115	
Less 94-142 Grant					-22,435	-22,435	
Subtotal					73,969	80,984	31,339
SPED PARA							
Ackerman	10.78	35	38		13,672	14,337	
Dangelo	9.91	35	38		12,489	13,180	
Evans	9.32	40	38		13,756	14,166	
New	9.19	40	38		13,756	13,969	
Subtotal					53,673	55,652	20,458
GUIDANCE							
Filbin	MA +15	0.70		9	26,793	30,309	15,240

Name	Educ./ Rate	FTE/ Hrs	Wks	Years Exp.	07-08 Salary	08-09 Salary	Payroll Taxes & Benefits
NURSE							
Lynch	22.72	33.8	38		28,334	29,182	2,530
LIBRARIAN							
Roper					27,000	32,292	11,045
ADMINISTRATION							
Noel					73,195	75,391	
Lawrence	1,195	1	26		29,952	31,070	
Subtotal					103,147	106,461	45,878
MAINTENANCE/CUSTODIAL							
Monette					38,242	39,389	
Strout	10.80	30.00	52		13,650	16,848	
Summer	10.80	15.00	9		1,384	1,458	
Subtotal					53,276	57,695	26,475
GENERAL FUND TOTAL					981,596	1,030,209	399,635



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the School Board
Cornish School District
Cornish, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cornish School District as of and for the year ended June 30, 2006, which collectively comprise the Cornish School District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the School District's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Cornish School District as of June 30, 2006, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Cornish School District's basic financial statements. The combining and individual fund schedules are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. They have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Plodzik & Sanderson
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October 20, 2006

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TOWN DIRECTORY and INFORMATION

Police, Fire, Medical Emergency	911
Police, Non-emergency	543-0535
Fire, Non-emergency	675-2221
Cornish Rescue, Ambulance	675-2221
Selectmen, Assessing	675-5611
Town Office Fax	675-5605
Town Clerk	675-5207
Tax Collector	675-5221
Highway Garage	675-2205
Cornish Elementary School	675-5891
E-mail	townbos@comcast.net

cornishtownclerk@comcast.net
cornishtaxcollector@comcast.net

MEETING SCHEDULES AND HOURS

Town Boards meet at Town Office Bldg. - School Board meets at school

Town Office/Assessing	Monday-Friday 8:00-4:00PM
Selectmen	Monday 6:30-8:30 PM Thursday 9:00-Noon
Town Clerk	Monday through Thursday 4:30-7:00 PM Last Saturday of the Month 9:00-Noon
Tax Collector	Thursday 4:30-7:00 PM
Planning Board	1st and 3rd Thursday of each Month
Zoning Board (As needed)	1st Monday of each month 7:30 PM
Conservation Commission	4th Wednesday of each Month 7:00 PM
Cornish School Board	3rd Monday of each Month 7:00 PM
Cornish Library	Monday and Friday 4:00-6:00 PM
Phone 543-3644	Wednesday 4:00-8:00 PM
Emily Cromwell, Library	Saturday 10:00-Noon

General Assistance & Senior Resources

Connie Kousman	542-7107
Martha Zoerheide	675-2295
Judith Kaufman	542-7322
Anne Hier	542-7348



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TOWN OF CORNISH
WHO to see about WHAT and WHEN

SELECTMEN

Phone 675-5611

Fax 675-5605

Selectmen's Secretary – Marge Kolenberg

Selectmen's office is open 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. daily

Abatements (Property Tax)
Building Permits
Camping Permits
Current Use Applications
Elderly Tax Exemption
Intent to Cut Lumber
Assessing

Pistol Permits
Property Tax Cards
Property Tax Maps
Raffle Permits
Septic Dig Approvals
Subdivision Applications
Veterans Tax Credit

Other Questions – See Selectmen

TOWN CLERK

Paula Harthan
675-5207

**Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays
& Thursdays 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.**

Last Saturday of Month 9-Noon

Burial Permits
Cemetery Records
Dog Licenses
Vital Statistics

Marriage Licenses
Motor Vehicle Permits
Dredge and Fill Permits
Genealogy Information

Minutes – Planning Board, Zoning Board & Conservation Commission

TAX COLLECTOR

Reigh Helen Sweetser
675-5221

Thursday 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Property Tax
